

COUNCIL PRESSES MALONE AVE. PROJECT

Malone Avenue from the Grade School west to the intersection of present concrete route No. 60 will be opened without further delay. By unanimous vote, the City Council decided at the special meeting Thursday night to post funds in the Circuit Court at Benton equal to the awards made by the appraisers on the new street, which will allow the work to allow the work to proceed.

The amount, \$4091, is equal to the amount allowed property owners along the proposed street by the appraisers appointed by the Council last year. There are property owners who have filed exceptions to these awards, and it is these cases which are now hanging in the courts which have delayed proceedings. The posting of the funds means that property owners on the new street will be ordered to vacate by an officer from the office of the Sheriff this week and that instead of having to wait on court action the City now owns the property. In event the court acts either way, that is, allows more to the objecting property owners or less, the City is in a position to pay the cost.

Under the present arrangement an engineer will be loaned the City by the Highway Department who will at once draw up plans and specifications for the street. It has been suggested that the job could be done much more cheaply if the contract is let to the man who gets the contract for Highway 61 south to New Madrid. This will probably be let in the April lettings.

The Council also discussed the new sewer machine and the members who had seen it work and the mayor expressed approval of its work.

It was also suggested that some action be started on the proposition of getting Kingshighway paved from the new cemetery into town and that later on when the north route of No. weeks ago. The alleged robbers will could be taken then.

An ordinance providing for a \$6000 loan to place in the general revenue fund so as to take care of the Malone Avenue project and the other bills now coming up, was passed.

RETAIL MERCHANTS TO HAVE A CATALOG?

Definite action is being taken this week toward getting a catalog to advertise Sikeston and Sikeston merchants. C. C. Rose, C. C. White and George Lough are acting on a committee appointed by the president of the Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of some twenty-five retail merchants Thursday night. This committee will visit each of the merchants in Sikeston to get the view of the majority on the project and will report at the Chamber or Commerce banquet this Thursday night.

Other methods of advertising the town were also discussed at the meeting. The obtaining of a cream station here was suggested as was the obtaining of nationally known politically speakers. Roger Bailey, in suggesting the latter plan, stated that it had been his observation that speakers who came here usually spoke of Sikeston in other towns.

A committee was appointed to determine the number of milch cows in the vicinity and the advisability of getting a cream station here was also appointed to report at the next meeting.

It was the sense of the meeting that merchants could best work thru the Chamber of Commerce rather than as a separate organization. In discussing the catalog idea several specimen catalogs were shown those present and prices were quoted. A more definite stand is expected to be taken on the matter at the Chamber of Commerce banquet as there were many merchants who could not attend the meeting last Thursday night.

SHOE SALE SUCCESSFUL

Buckner-Ragsdale shoe sale opened officially Saturday morning, but on the day before persons who had heard of the bargain on shoes which included nationally known brands going on sale were in the store. More than 250 pairs of shoes were sold in the bargain basement where the sale is being conducted, which did not include the shoes from upstairs. The sale will be continued until the surplus shoes are sold when they will be replaced from the stock of the regular store.

The Big Selling Out Sale

SUITS FOR LADIES

We want you to see the material They sold formerly to \$75.00 and will make good work wraps or clothing for children. Your choice of rack ----- \$2.45

LADIES' HOSE

Gordon Silk Hose, \$2.50 grade ----- \$1.98
\$2.00 Gordon Hose ----- \$1.69
\$1.50 Gordon Hose ----- \$1.29
\$1.00 Gordon Hose ----- 79c

Black Thread, 2 spools ----- 3c
50c Out-size Hose ----- 22c
Ladies' Hats, one large rack, all prices assembled to \$3 ----- 69c
Men's sheep-lined coats ----- \$3.95
Brown Domestic L.L. yd. ----- 7 1/2c

Men's Extra Fine \$3.50 Dress Shirts ----- \$1.95
\$2.00 Dress Shirts ----- \$1.29
Men's Suits and Top Coats 1/2 Price
Oil Cloth ----- 23c
Men's and boys' fine dress caps, \$1.50 values ----- 69c

Men's Shoes and Oxfords, to \$6.50 value, now ----- \$2.45
Men's Oxfords, \$7.50 value, (one rack choice) ----- \$3.45
\$6.50 Goloshes, closing out \$3.95
Ladies' fine footwear to 7.50 values, choice rack. Out they go at ----- \$2.85
\$4.95 Goloshes, closing out \$2.95

eclipsed all past records to a point of rapid selling and value giving. Even though we were forced to bar the doors several times the eager shoppers waited in turn. Everyone left carrying a bundle and a smile. We attribute our phenomenal success to the fact that we are selling at profitless prices. A few prices that you will find yourself surrounded with the minute you enter the store.

FREE
DRAWING
EACH
DAY AT
2:30

FREE
BINGO GAME
EACH
DAY AT
3:00

Men's fine wool sweaters up to \$12.00, now ----- \$4.95
Stock up for next fall
Men's Lumber-jacks to \$5.00 values, now ----- \$1.95
\$4.00 black knee boots ----- \$2.85

Hood Hip Boots, \$6.75 value, now ----- \$4.45
Hood Knee Boots, \$4.75 value, now ----- \$3.35

Men's Coat Sweaters, part wool, roll neck, in grey or brown. Out they go ----- 98c

Children's Shoes to \$2.00 values at ----- 98c

Every Day At 9:00 A. M. When We Open, We Will Have An Early Bird Special

NOVELTY GOODS, THE ENTIRE LOT IN OUR FRONT SHOW CASE 1/2 PRICE

ALL REMNANTS 1/2 PRICE
CORSETS AND BRASSIERS
ONE-THIRD OFF

MEN'S FINE NEW HATS, LATEST ARRIVALS, INCLUDING STETSONS, ONE-THIRD OFF

GRAVE MARKERS TO BE ERECTED FOR VETS

A complete list of all war veterans buried in the Sikeston cemeteries is being compiled for the local post of the American Legion with a view of marking each grave with a suitable monument.

The list which is printed below is complete as far as can be ascertained but the records relative to the date of death and the organization in which the deceased served has not been found in all cases. The post adjutant, E. T. Wheatley asks that any correction or further information relative to veterans of any war buried in the local cemeteries be furnished him.

The list follows:
Boone, Henry.
Bradley, James A., February 13, 1923.
Ballard, Rube (no marker on grave).
Blaylock, William S., November 22, 1921, Co. K 140th Inf.
Cresap, Joseph D., July 2, 1897, Ben Hunter Co.
Carver, Samuel P., October 19, 1918, Co. D, 158th B. B.
Crowe, Berdine, July 11, 1920.
Davis, William H., September 3, 1922, Co. —, 145th Inf.
Divinney, J. R., November 7, 1923.
Folsom, Dr. J. E., December 8, 1913.
Gallihan, Ed Lew, October 3, 1918, Co. L 350th Inf.
Gray, Arch (no marker on grave).
Harrison, A. A., March 13, 1914, Ben Hunter Co.
Hoover, Frank, April 14, 1918, Co. K 140th Inf.
Hocker, L. B., December 29, 1919.
Hunter, Joe, September 20, 1911, Ben Hunter Co.
Loftin, Boyd, May 28, 1922, Co.— 150th Inf.
McDaniel, Wilson, August 19, 1919.
Meldrum, Henry, December 16, 1918, Batt.—138th F. A.
Miller, Dr. T. V., November 7, 1922.
Parsons, Dr. M. G., November 23, 1910.
Ross, John, October 18, 1918.
Shumate, Dr. T. C., August 22, 1892.
Shelby, J.H., January 26, 1912.
Tanner, Capt. Sam, October 5, 1912.
Warren, Lester, October 23, 1918, Co. M.
Watkins, —
White, Silas (no marker on grave).
Waldman, Harry, January 25, 1920.
Wilson, Jap, January 14, 1903, Ben Hunter Co.
Caldwell, Elmer.
If there are any additions to this list or if information relative to the date of death and organization of a man which is not on the list, it should be phoned to Capt. Wheatley.

TWO HELD IN JAIL AS QULIN BANK ROBBERS

Poplar Bluff, March 16.—Two of three alleged bandits who held up the Bank of Qulin and escaped with \$2600 are held in jail today, according to Prosecuting Attorney Kearby, who has filed information against them.

They are Frank Casey, held at Cape Girardeau and Ollie Sams, in jail at Benton. Arrest of the two men followed raids by Cape County authorities on roadhouses. The men were identified by Irvin Waller, cashier of the bank at Qulin, as the two who entered the bank.

A third man said to have remained in the automobile during the robbery and who is said to have been the "brains" of the gang is said to be at the home of relatives.

He was seriously wounded during the chase following the robbery, and his recovery is doubtful. Casey and Sams are said to be from Herrin, Ill. They are also alleged to have figured in other holdups.

Casey, officers say, just recently was released from the penitentiary where he served a term for robbery. The Bank of Qulin was robbed about three 61 was determined that some action be brought here in the next day or two and face preliminary trial.

The next great European war will make the world safe for Orientals.—Publishers Syndicate.

Greener's held thier Spring Opening Friday and Saturday with good crowds. The Price-Right Stores hold no sales, but offer bragains the year around.

Mrs. Wm. E. Payne of Ballston, Va., wht her two children, Bill and Catherine, arrived Saturday evening for a visit with the editor and wife. Edna has been in very poor health for some weeks, but stood the long trip well and is looking pretty good.

THE QUALITY STORE
SIKESTON
MERCANTILE CO.
SIKESTON MO.

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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Scott County, Missouri, as second-
class mail matter, according to act
of Congress.

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umn inch, net 25c
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Probate notices, minimum \$ 5.00
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Yearly subscription elsewhere in the
United States \$2.00

ANNOUNCEMENT

COUNTY OFFICERS

Subject to Democratic primary.

For Circuit Judge
28th Judicial Circuit

FRANK KELLY

of Cape Girardeau

For Sheriff

GEORGE C. BEAN

TOM SCOTT

For Treasurer

H. G. SCHMITZ

C. E. FELKER

For Assessor

C. A. STALLINGS

CITY OFFICERS

For Mayor

N. E. FUCHS

For City Collector

S. N. SHEPHERD

W. ED HOLLINGSWORTH

W. T. COBBS

For Police Judge

JOS. W. MYERS

W. S. SMITH

City Attorney

A. F. HAYMES

For Constable in Richland Twp.

BROWN JEWELL

Subject to Republican primary.

For County Surveyor

JAMES A. COLLIER

NEW MADRID COUNTY

For Treasurer

Subject to Democratic Primary

WADE TUCKER

No matter how much constructive

advertising is done for Sikeston in

the manner of a city catalog (which is a

good idea) the town cannot prosper

as long as the destructive advertising

remains. Sikeston is noted for her

rough streets all over this section of

the State. It is a standing joke with

many, but it isn't a joke with many

others. As one enters this town, he

is likely to see a sign reading "Sik-

eston Greets U" and just about the

time he finishes reading it, the back

seat flies up and hits him a crack—a

fine greeting.

According to press dispatches the

Loebe Poster Advertising Company

became the property of H. B. McFar-

ling and Clyde Stout of Cairo last
Monday. This includes all of the
holdings of the Loebe Company in-
cluding the poster panels in twenty
or more towns together with the ma-
terials, trucks and other equipment.
Mr. Loebe was the original outdoor
advertising owner in this section,
having started in the business some
thirty-six years ago and has built his
business from the time of barn-side
advertising to the present handsome
fire-proof metal boards. With his pos-
ter boards, Mr. Loebe has always
been charitable towards the church,
civic organizations, and national
movements—offering them free to
worth while causes. In this manner
he has accomplished a real good. Mr.
Loebe will now devote his full time
to the editorship of his paper, the
Charleston Times, and he has the
thanks of this district for the manner
in which he has conducted his poster
business—and the best wishes of The
Standard.

We are amazed at the stand taken
by the Dexter Statesman on the road
bond proposition. Our friend Crowe
is all wet and has taken the wrong
view of the matter, in our opinion. He
states the gas and license taxes will
not pay the additional \$75,000,000
bonds and interest, but if they can
there is no necessity to vote and in-
sue the bonds, for the roads can be
built from the taxes collected. No
one who is supporting the bond propo-
sition denies the roads can be built and
paid for the go as you pay plan but
that the road system will be long de-
layed, whereas, the bond issue will
permit of the roads being completed
several years earlier. Counties could
build courthouses or jails on the go
as you please by putting on a few
rows of brick each month but the
first part of the construction would
be old before the final touches would
be begun, and so it is with the roads.
Bond issues are what gives us im-
provements of every description of a
public nature. Anyway, we have per-
fect confidence in the Highway Com-
mission that if it finds it unnecessary
to issue all of the \$75,000,000 to com-
plete the system, it will not issue
them, or that part which it finds un-
necessary. It may be necessary to
issue but a third of the bonds, if the
proposition is successful, and in that
event, we think that will be about all
that will be issued.—Charleston
Times.

The Standard editor was innocent
of anything objectionable in the Fri-
day edition of the paper for the rea-
son he was too busy in the mechanical
department to write a single para-
graph.

Nearly 400 shade trees were plant-
ed in Poplar Bluff this week, the work
being under supervision of the Kiwan-
is Club. Many of the young trees will
replace those killed or damaged by
the tornado last May. They are be-
ing planted in accordance with a "city
beautiful" campaign conducted by the
Kiwanians.

THE TRUTH IN POLITICS

The facts published in this space
are vouched for by The Missouri
Committee for Truthful Political In-
formation composed of leading citi-
zens of the State. List of members of
the committee is on file in office of
this paper. The purpose of the com-
mittee is to give the people of Mis-
souri the truth about politics and the
actual difference between the two
political parties.

THE OLDEST POLITICAL PARTY
IN THE WORLD

Where is it? In the Old World,
with its nations centuries old?
No; the oldest political party is the
Democratic party of the United States
of America. All the political parties
of Europe were born in the nine-
teenth or twentieth centuries. The
Democratic party was founded by
Thomas Jefferson the last of the eight-
eenth century, about 1796. It was
then called the Republican party, or
Democratic Republican party, but by
1820, under Andrew Jackson, it was
called simply the Democratic party,
and has been so called ever since.

It is not only the oldest political
party in the world, but it is the only
permanent political party in the United
States. The opposing parties have
been temporary parties. The Federal-
ist party first opposed it a while,
and by 1816 died. The Whig party
next opposed it, and by 1856 it was
dead. The Republican party is the
party of today that opposes it.

And today, this oldest party in the
world is still carrying on the oldest
political battle in the world, the fight
of all the people against a few of the
people. It was born one hundred
thirty years ago to make this fight.
It will live as long as the fight for the
rights of men continues.—Missouri
Committee for Truthful Political In-
formation.

A GOOD MOVE

The City Council is to be commended
on its action Thursday night in
voting to open the Malone Avenue
extension at once. That a unanimous
vote favoring the movement was cast
shows that the Council is interested
in getting action and getting it quick
on a matter which is of interest to
not only the property owners on the
new route but also every other citizen
here. The fact that Highway 61
south to New Madrid is to be paved
soon means that the City can use the
same contractor and can get the work
done much more cheaply than if one
had to be brought here.

The second paramount question in
regard to streets is the paving of
Kingshighway from the new cemetery
to the Missouri Pacific tracks. Some
movement whereby the pavement
could be secured from Memorial
Park to the City limits should be
started. The property owners should
be more than willing to pave the
street in town.

Lafayette's Land Grant

When General Lafayette visited
America in 1824 Congress by act of
December 28, 1824, granted him \$200,-
000 and "one complete town of land"
in recognition of his "services and
sacrifices" during the Revolution. The
land was to be located under the au-
thority of the President "in any of
the unappropriated lands of the United
States". This location was made
in what was known as West Florida
and embraced 23,028.50 acres cover-
ing part of what is now the city of
Tallahassee. A patent for this land
was issued on July 4, 1825, and was
delivered to Lafayette in person by
the commissioner of the general land
office. A notice in the Pensacola Ga-
zette of 1825 says that Col. Mc-
Kee arrived in Florida to select the
land of the famous Frenchman. La-
fayette never saw his Florida land.
An attempt was made to colonize this
tract by French settlers under Count
La Porte, but the scheme was unsuccess-
ful. A few years later Lafayette
made another attempt at colonization.
He sent Charles Murat, a son of the
great cavalry general and Napoleon's
sister, but he too failed. After La-
fayette's death the land was sold by
his heirs and it is now owned by a
large number of different persons.—
Pathfinder.

A compromise is just a way of de-
laying the ultimate outcome.—Wall
Street Journal.

The reason why the woman pays
and pays and pays is because she
buys on the installment plan.—Ar-
kansas Gazette.

Psychoanalysis will be more valued
when it can be used more to prevent
crime instead of exculpating crimi-
nals.—Washington Star.

If the fuelless motor proves prac-
tical, the only thing needed to make
the automobile complete would be a
driverless back seat.—Virginian-Pil-
ot.

At the hour of birth, says an au-
thority, human intelligence stands at
the zero mark. Which proves that
some adults weren't always as dumb
as they are now.—San Diego Union.

11 Washington Letter

(By W. L. Nelson, Rep. 8th Mo. Dis.)

The "lame duck" session of Con-
gress still has a leg to stand on. Af-
ter a long draws-out "holler" from
the House to the effect that it had
never been afforded an opportunity to
vote on the amendment to the Consti-
tution, to change the time for the con-
vening of Congress, and which had
three times passed the Senate, the
House did the unexpected. At least
many were surprised and disappoint-
ed. Following two days of spirited
debate, the proposition to submit to
the people the constitutional amend-
ment offered by Norris (Republican)
in the Senate and White (Republican)
in the House, was defeated by a vote
of 209 to 157, with two members an-
swering present. This was 36 votes
less than the two-thirds necessary.
Had the amendment been approved
by the House, it would then have gone
to the States where the ratification by
three-fourths would have been re-
quired. While the opposition to the
amendment was led by Republican
stalwarts, the final vote saw the par-
ties split, although a very much larger
percentage of Democrats than
Republicans voted "Yes". Only 89
Republicans voted to submit the
amendment which was favored by
118 Democrats and two Farmer-Lab-
or members. With but few excep-
tions, Missouri members voted "Yes".

The name "lame duck" session is
given to the meeting of Congress fol-
lowing the November election, de-
feating members continuing to serve
until March 4. This means that un-
less there is a special session newly
elected members do not actively par-
ticipate in law making until thirteen
months later. Most filibustering is
done near the close of the short ses-
sion which it was sought to do away
with. Many hold, too, that defeated
members may not always feel the
same responsibility to their constitu-
ents and that there might be a tem-
ptation to cater to outside interests.
Under the proposed amendment the
new Congress would have met in Jan-
uary and the President would also
have been inaugurated in this month.
Consequently, defeated members
would not further participate in law
making. It seems a pity that the
"lame duck" sessions of Congress are
to be continued. A thirteen months
wait would not have been quite so
ridiculous in stage coach days.

I wish every citizen could be pres-
ent when the Supreme Court meets.
It is a scene in which solemnity and
dignity as well as silence are express-
ed. As the black robed justices, most
of them silver-haired, file in after
formal announcement, each in turn
bows and takes his seat. The oldest
member of the Supreme Court is
Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, who
last week celebrated his eighty-seventh
birthday anniversary. He is a son
of the great New England poet and
age has not dimmed the brilliancy of
his mind.

An authorized statement by Treas-
ury officials has just been made to the
effect that \$1 checks are not illegal.
Checks for less than \$1 were always
lawful, but years ago when banks issued
checks to pass current, as
money, the law stated that they
could not be for a smaller amount
than \$1.

After many years nothing has been
done as to Muscle Shoals where the
government has millions of dollars
invested in a plant capable of turning
out commercial fertilizer to be sold
to farmers at a reasonable price.
Back of the failure to take action as
to this great plant is greed and the
discord which it has been able to
foment. Powerful fertilizer organi-
zations want no competition of this
kind and equally strong power com-
panies are also interested in prevent-
ing action until such action is pleas-
ing to these powers. Sometime the
real story of Muscle Shoals may be
told, but I doubt if it is ever fully un-
derstood.

After a real battle, largely be-
tween country and smaller cities on
the one side and big population cen-
ters on the other, the House on March
12, passed the radio bill as amended
to require of the Federal Radio Com-
mission "an equal allocation of broad-
casting licenses, wave lengths and
station power". The action of the
House was taken after a record vote,
236 to 133, on a section of the bill
which had been written into the Sen-
ate measure by the Committee and
amended on the floor, so as to pre-
vent further "hogging of the air" by
favored cities and interests. The
real fight centered on this provision,
which section the chairman held not
to be in order. Cannon, Crisp and
Garret (Democrats) and all recognized
parliamentarians, took issue when
by a teller (count 'em in like sheep)
vote of 168 to 140, the House over-
ruled the chair. Representative Dav-
is (Dem.) who with White (Rep.) was
actively for the bill, declared that
there was an "iron-clad" radio mono-
poly. Illinois has 70 broadcasting

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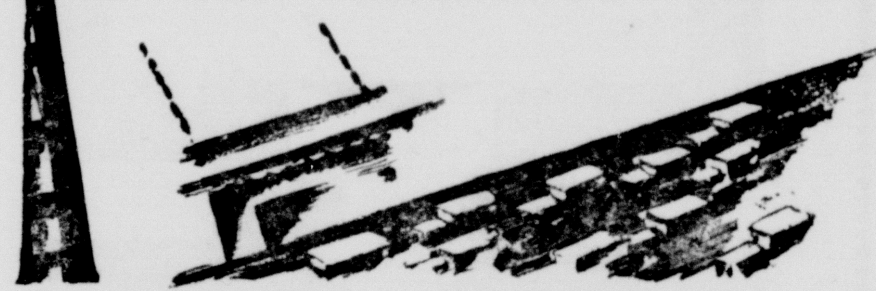
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Sikeston, Mo.



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Two-Door Sedan \$670
Coupe 670
Roadster 670
(with rumble seat)
Touring 695
Four-Door Sedan 720
DeLuxe Coupe 720
(with rumble seat)
DeLuxe Sedan 790

"62"
Business Coupe \$1065
Roadster 1075
(with rumble seat)
Touring 1095
Two-Door Sedan 1095
Coupe 1145
(with rumble seat)
Four-Door Sedan 1175
Landau Sedan 1235

"72"
Two-Pass. Coupe \$1545
(with rumble seat)
Royal Sedan 1595
Sport Roadster 1595
(with rumble seat)
Four-Pass. Coupe 1595
Town Sedan 1695
Convertible Coupe 1745
(with rumble seat)
Crown Sedan 1795

"80"
Roadster \$2795
(with rumble seat)
Five-Pass. Sedan 2945
Town Sedan 2995
Seven-Pass. Sedan 3075
Sedan Limousine 3495

All prices f. o. b. Detroit,
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theft of the Fedco System of
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CHRYSLER

Charley Blanton acknowledges re-
ceipt of a check for \$8.00, over-
charge, for one day's rent of a room
at the Robidoux Hotel at St. Joseph
during the Democratic State Con-
vention recently. The Chamber of Com-
merce is responsible for the refund.
Just before we went to Kansas City
last week, we clipped four or five
short editorials which had been writ-
ten, knowing we were to meet a lead-
ing citizen of St. Joseph there. This
may not have had any bearing on the
refund, but notwithstanding the re-
fund of \$8.00, the charge of the other

half, \$8 a day for a single room is

too steep for the boys who run coun-
try newspapers and the balance of
the folks just as well. Because of
this, we refused to be elected a dele-
gate to the Republican State Con-
vention to be held at St. Joseph on March
26th. A little more of such publicity
will accomplish wonders, for goug-
ers don't court publicity.—Charleston
Times.

A Georgia judge has decided that a

husband is merely "a figurehead".

And how he has to figure!—American

Lumberman.

We sell
du Pont paints
made by the makers of DUCO

YOU know the name
Du Pont. You know
Duco—made only by du
Pont. You know that Duco
brings new and enduring
beauty to motor cars and
lasting color to hundreds of
household furnishings. We
carry a complete line of
du Pont paints, varnishes
and enamels—made by the

makers of Duco. We can
recommend every paint that
bears the name du Pont, be-
cause the same care and
skill that went into the mak-
ing of Duco have gone into
every du Pont paint.

Bring your painting prob-
lems to us. Let us help work
out a systematic plan of paint
protection for your home.

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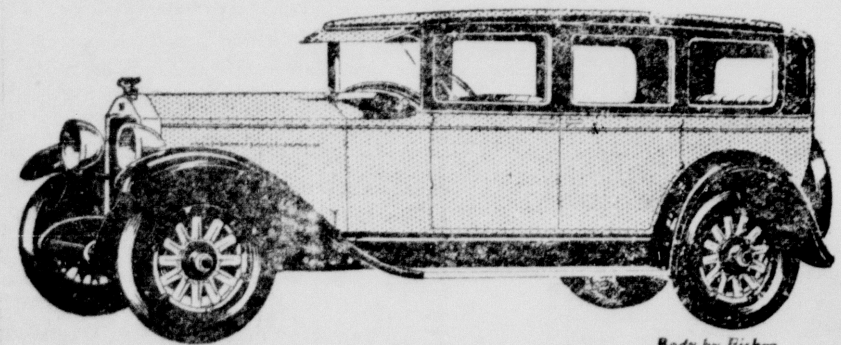
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MOTORISTS like you invest
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Buick motor cars as in any
other THREE CARS in
Buick's field
*Faith means something
when it is backed by dollars*



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C. OF C. BANQUET TO BE HELD FRIDAY

The annual Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet will be held on Friday night at the Methodist church instead of Thursday as was previously announced.

Plans for the banquet are not quite complete, but according to Lyle Malone, president of the organization, it will be one of the big events of the year. Tickets will be limited to 120 and will be sold for \$1 each. Tickets may be obtained from E. F. Schorle, M. M. Beck and at The Bijou.

C. D. Matthews will speak on the road bond issue and the road situation in general. A. Ray Smith and E. C. Matthews will tell of Sikeston's opportunities as to highways.

Plans for the activities of the Chamber of Commerce for the coming year will be discussed under separate heads. Plans for meeting competition will be discussed by G. A. Dempster and C. E. Brenton, as to dairying by G. B. Greer; for the further development of truck gardening W. H. Sikes and for poultry John Reiss.

The banquet will be a "ladies night" affair. Inasmuch as the women of Sikeston are taking a keen interest in the affairs and betterment of the

city they have been invited to participate.

SELLING OUT SALE OPENS WITH CROWDS AT MERCANTILE

The big "Selling Out Sale" opened at the Sikeston Mercantile Company Saturday with a bang. More than 2000 persons entered the store during the day, which began at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning. Several times during the day the sales manager was forced to lock the front door because there were too many people in the store to give any service.

E. W. Stanfield, the sales manager, is quite an entertainer. His games and contests keep the store crowds in good humor. The basement was turned into a carnival playground Saturday afternoon when "Bingo" was played by those present.

The sale will continue until the entire stock is sold according to the management.

Ask about our special price on rugs.—Rose Furniture Co.

An eight and a half pound baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Early Malcolm of east of Sikeston, Saturday night.

The L. A. W. Class of the Christian church will hold their meeting Thursday night with Mrs. Tom Baker. All members are urged to be present.

Semi-annual Statement of the Sikeston Building and Loan Association of Peoples Bank Building of Sikeston of Scott County, Mo., at the close of business on February 29th, 1928.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Cash on hand.....\$ 2,761.86	Installment stock (dues, no deduction).....\$ 74,993.71
Loans on real estate and stock security.....122,350.00	Prepaid stock.....7,000.00
Loans on stock.....3,521.50	Full-paid stock.....28,775.00
Real estate owned.....3,687.50	Profits distributed and credited.....17,356.98
Delinquent interest.....1,111.85	Undivided profits.....2,856.18
	Contingent fund.....2,279.84
	Advanced interest.....171.00
Total.....\$133,432.71	Total.....\$133,432.71

STATE OF MISSOURI,
County of Scott
SS.

I, W. P. Wilkerson, Secretary, and C. E. Brenton, President, each on our oath state that the above and foregoing statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief, as shown by the books and account of said association.

C. E. BRENTON, President.

W. P. WILKERSON, Secretary.

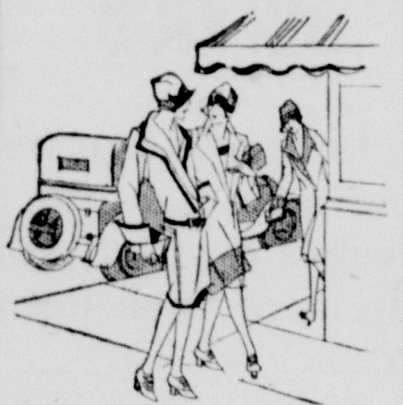
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 19th day of March, 1928.

R. F. Anderson, Notary Public.

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SOUTHEAST MISSOURI GARDEN CONFERENCE

New Madrid, March 16.—Gardeners of New Madrid and four other Southeast Missouri counties will meet March 26 to 29 in a series of conferences to discuss the kind and amount of garden crops to plan and how to grow them in order to provide fresh vegetables for the table and for canning.

The meetings will be conducted by the county extension agents, assisted by Miss Marion K. White, nutrition extension specialists from the College of Agriculture. At each of the meetings Miss White will prepare and explain certain dishes very valuable in the family's diet, which can be made from home products. Her demonstrations will show the fundamentals of nutrition which at this time of year offer special guidance for the planning of the home garden. The county extension agents will supplement Miss White's demonstrations by supplying the latest information on garden seeds and crops, their planting and early care.

According to Scott M. Julian, New Madrid County Extension Agent, barnyard manure is the best general garden and truck crop fertilizer. It furnishes the essential plant foods and tends to make the soil more porous and easily worked, and acts like a sponge in holding water in the soil.

For root crops like potatoes, parsnips, carrots and turnips, root growth is desired, and acid phosphate or a complete commercial fertilizer such as 3-12-4 should be used, alone or in combination with the barnyard manure, he says.

CHAFFEE A. C. WINS TOURNEY —CO. K LOSES FIRST GAME

The Chaffee Athletic Club won the Independent Gold Medal Basketball Tournament held at Chaffee Friday and Saturday with a victory in the final game over the Chaffee Red Devils 34-9.

Company K lost in the opening game to the tournament winners 23-17 after a hectic battle. The Chaffee team was composed of some of the best amateur players in this section of the State, including Adams of Fruitland. The local team had practiced but little previous to the game and were not in condition, but played a good game.

Other tournament results:

Gordonville—21.
Cardwell—14.
Chaffee Red Devils—27.
Canalou—26.
Advance—35.
Blodgett—30.
East Prairie—37.
Morley—21.
Chaffee A. C.—28.
Gordonville—21.
Chaffee Red Devils—35.
Advance—24.
Chaffee A. C.—20.
East Prairie—18.

OREGON WINS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AT COLUMBIA

The Oregon High School Basketball team won the State Championship at Columbia Saturday night, beating Springfield in the finals 25-16 in the final game.

Poplar Bluff, representative of this section, won her first game Friday morning to open the tournament against Clinton 26-14, but lost their second to the champion Oregon team Friday night 27-8.

Frank Case, star forward of Poplar Bluff drew favorable comment for his play in both games. He is a junior and should be the backbone of the Mule team next year.

Second place in the meet automatically went to Springfield. This is the first time in high school basketball championship play at Columbia that a Kansas City team has not figured in the finals. St. Louis was represented in the tournament for the first time in several years. A rule was passed last year in St. Louis allowing St. Louis teams to play outside the county.

The all-State squad follows:
Forwards—McIntyre (Oregon), Renfro (Kansas City Northeast), Anderson (Warrenton), and Stuber (St. Joseph).

Centers—Egbert (Springfield), Williams (Sedalia) and Good (St. Joseph).

Guards—Smith (Springfield), Olds (Kansas City Northeast), Page (Kansas City Central), and Stalcup (Oregon).

MINER MEETING TODAY

The annual election of officers for the Miser Community Association will be held today (Tuesday) at the Community Building. A business meeting will probably follow the election of the new officers. Work is progressing in building up the new Miner Calf but no definite deals have been made for calves as yet.

132 ATTEND METHODIST MEN'S BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

One hundred and thirty-two men were present to see a new high mark for recent attendance at the Methodist Bible Class Sunday morning. Pictures were taken of the group after Sunday School.

The banquet Friday night was given in honor of the passing the 100 mark for attendance and more than a hundred men were present. Speeches were made after a delightful meal which was served by the Co-Workers.

Attendance at the Men's Class has grown by leaps and bounds since the first of the year. Until the banquet Friday night the attendance had been in charge of four captains, D. B. Kevil, Frank Van Horne, W. H. Sikes and Jake Sutton, but the increase in attendance has caused a regrouping of the class roll and it is now under ten captains with W. E. Hollingsworth as the General. The other captains besides those named are: Ray Oliver, J. P. Gilbert, Capt. E. T. Wheatley, Ray Hudson, W. L. Wagner and C. H. Clelland.

The class is now grouped for real action. Already the class has outgrown the room which has been used by them and has moved into new quarters. It the attendance keep on growing, there will soon have to be another room provided—which has been promised as soon as the class needs it.

PAYROLL OF LOBBYISTS MORE THAN CONGRESS

Washington, March 16.—The paid, unofficial dabler in legislation who conceals both his purpose and the identity of his employer come under fire today when a House judiciary subcommittee took up the Caraway bill to require regulation of lobbyists.

Two prominent Democrats appeared before the committee to depict him as a fraud growing fat on money fleeced from the innocent public on the pretense that he exerts an influence over legislative matters.

Senator Caraway, of Arkansas, Democratic author of the measure, declared that passage of the bill would save a million dollars to industry by bringing the lobbyists into the open.

Hetermed "big business" the greatest loser and asserted that disclosure of the uselessness of the lobbyist would tend to remove such a danger.

The lobbyist payroll was described as larger than that of Congress by Representative Garner, of Texas, ranking Democrat on the House ways and means committee.

Mr. Garner said he welcomed the opinions of the well informed legitimate lobbyist who had given a careful study to pending legislation and that the lobbyist of this character would not oppose the Caraway bill, but would welcome it as a protection.

Other similar lobbyist measures were urged by Griffith, Democrat New York, and Schafer, Republican, Wisconsin. The latter asked that the committee broaden the measure by barring from congressional cloakrooms former members who were engaged as legislative counsel.

SPECIALIST IS CONDUCTING FOOD DEMONSTRATIONS

Miss Marian White, food specialist of the Missouri College of Agriculture, is conducting a series of demonstrations on the preparation of various food combinations in this section.

Monday afternoon Miss White held a demonstration at the home of Mrs. Lem Buck on the Commerce-Charleston road and today (Tuesday) she will be at the home of Mrs. Tony Gosche. Wednesday, Miner Switch will be visited and Thursday, the last of the demonstrations in this section will be given at Mrs. Jas. Smith's home, three miles south of Morley on Kluges Hill.

Every person that attends one of these meetings should take their own cup, spoon, fork and plate so that all food prepared may be sampled.

The County Agent will be present and discuss the cultivation and fertilization of the home garden.

This group of meetings is the first of a series of cooking meetings to be held in Scott County this year. First series, milk and potato dishes; second, bread; third, canning of vegetables; fourth, canning of meats.

Peoples Store Has New Dresses

The Peoples Store, who announced new Spring dresses and coats in Friday's Standard, has a complete stock of new styled garments offered at attractive prices. This merchandise is bought from the same source as the big city stores rather than from jobbers who furnish many other stores. The merchandise is of high quality and is selected carefully.

Ask about our special price on rugs.—Rose Furniture Co.

The L. A. W. Class of the Christian Church entertained the Christian Endeavor Sunday evening. Twenty-eight members were present.

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DAY AND NIGHT

BUS WAR ENDS WITH FIST FIGHT AND WRECK

The bus war between four bus companies operating between Dexter and Detroit has about ended after several fist fights and the one bus crowding another off into the ditch on Highway 60 near Charleston last week.

The driver of the offending bus was fined \$25 for pushing the other bus into the ditch. A woman and a girl were injured in the wreck. It was alleged that Bob Brandham, and the driver of the other bus were racing from Dexter to Charleston to pick up a passenger there. The other driver claimed that Brandham struck his bus, pushing it off the road. Brandham alleged that his competitor had sought to "hog" the road in violation of the Missouri road laws.

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Simon Loebe, publisher of the Charleston Times, was a Standard caller Monday. He was accompanied by H. B. McFarland who succeeds him in the bill posting business.

Quite a number from New Madrid were in town Saturday attending the sales put on by some of our merchants. Some of our stores had to increase their number of clerks by three fold.

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D. A. R. BENEFIT

The toasted sandwich supper given for the benefit of the D. A. R. Saturday evening was a decided success. The ladies realized about \$25 and the D. A. R. members wish to thank the following who so generously donated to the benefit: The Dempster Furniture Company, for the use of chairs, dishes and glasses; Schorle Bros., for bread donated; McKnight-Keaton Co., coffee; and the Missouri Utilities for the use of their rooms, electric power and for a baked ham.

Mrs. Sayers Tanner and Mrs. I. Lewis were shopping in Cape Girardeau, Saturday.

3 MORE WARRANTS SERVED IN CANALOU RAPE CASE

Three more warrants charging the rape of a 15-year-old daughter of a Canalou farmer have been served in and near Canalou. The men are Trigger Sexton, Harry Robertson and Tobe Bomer. The attacks were alleged to have been made on the girl between March 3 and 7.

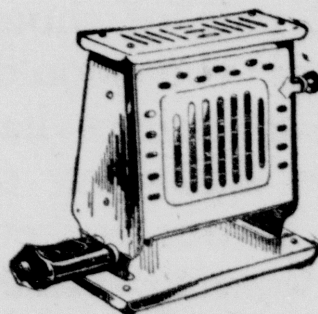
Prosecuting Attorney J. Val Baker, of New Madrid said that the preliminary hearings would probably be held Wednesday, March 28 and that a change of venue would probably be made. The place of hearing has not been decided. He said that he hoped to have the trial before Justice Pete Smith of New Madrid.

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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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ANNOUNCEMENT

For Police Judge
H. A. WALTON

It is but fair to Malcolm Ratcliff that we give publicity to the fact that he has paid all indebtedness to The Standard on account of subscription. He thought The Standard took undue advantage of him by giving him publicity through the paper when he had no opportunity to return the compliment. Perhaps we should have said nothing and turned the other cheek but it is hard to do that when the other fellow hands out a wallop that is not according to the Golden Rule. We have tried to give a square deal to everyone and are not always getting a square deal and finally getting the dirty end of the stick gets tiresome.

The Democrats of Missouri are in a fair way to redeem the State if they use common sense judgment at the primary. Harry Hawes preached harmony during his campaign and harmony is what put him over. Charlie Hay gave him the final country vote that turned the tide. The friends of Harry Hawes cannot overlook what Hay did for the party, and we believe to a man they should and will support Hay at the primary and at the November election. No one faction can carry the State. It takes a united Democracy to turn the trick. It is well known that Francis M. Wilson has always been an ardent Reed supporter, and Charlie Hay just as strong the other way. Both of them now seem to be way in the lead and the coupling of the two factions spells success in November. It was regretted generally that Collet of Saulsbury, an uncompromising Reed man, entered the race for it jeopardized the entire ticket, for there are a lot of us who would cut Reed's political throat in a minute on the slightest provocation; but who will vote for a harmony ticket from top to bottom for success. If the Reed men sacrifice Charlie Hay in the primary for Collet, Old Scratch will do the business in November and this is not maybe.

The ladies of the Miner witch community will have Easter eggs and baskets for sale. Call 903F23 or 903F3. Proceeds to help pay on plans our Community Hall.

The Standard is of the opinion that Southeast Missouri officers did not use the same tactics as used by the old Texas Rangers or the Canadian Mounted Police, or the robbers who held up the Quin bank three weeks ago would have been captured or killed. It was pretty well known who the robbers were and the pursuit was so hot in Stoddard County that officers and the robbers exchanged shots. It was but a few hours afterwards until the robbers abandoned their car in Scott County and if any concerted action has been taken since the Stoddard County officials took out, we have heard nothing of it. One of the robbers was treated by a Sikeston physician for a gun shot wound and the physician did not report the fact. It is stated the same fellow was treated by a Cape Girardeau physician, who reported it, but the man slipped away. It is true Sheriff Dye picked up three men at Cape Girardeau as the Quin robbers, but only one of them was of the three suspected ones.

The Standard wonders if our people know just how pressed all mercantile establishments of the Sikeston District are for business and ready cash. If they did, they would not stand in the way of a Sunday picture show that would bring many nickels, dimes and quarters to our city that go to other cities for the same purpose. Hardly a person in Sikeston but what disobeys the teachings of preachers in some way on Sunday in a way just as bad as going to a picture show. Car riding for pleasure, Sunday picnics, Sunday card games, Sunday reading of novels, Sunday golf, Sunday baseball, and other recreations that are not practiced by preachers. Understand, please, The Standard is not criticizing those who engage in any of the above past time, for we engage in them ourselves believing that if our conscience will stand for it, there is no great wrong. We want to see our merchants prosper and our city prosper.

In regard to the Sikeston postoffice The Standard will say that out of the appropriation for public buildings in the United States, the first three allocated in Missouri are St. Louis, Sedalia and Sikeston. This is straight. While at St. Joe the editor took up the matter with Senator Hawes of having Sikeston taken up in 1928 in order to spend that much money in this section. A letter from him Saturday stated that he had not much success in advancing the building program. Anyway, Sikeston is certain to get a building out of the appropriation now a law.

Kite time is danger time for children and electric companies. Officials point out that it is very dangerous to fly kites near electric wires. The Company officials do not mean to discourage the pleasure that comes to a boy from flying his kite, but they do advise that an open space should be used for the purpose.

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SEZ THE SIKESTONIAN

By I. C. SIKESTON

This cigarette lighter business promises to be interesting. That "the first man had no chance", seems to be true—he was the citizen who has had the lighter since Christmas, 1919. Comes now a man who claims a lighter which is so old that it was used before the day of "tailor-made" cigarettes—it is an old-fashioned flint rock contraption which has lit many a pill.

We have traced down the "lighter that never failed"—like grapes—there is a reason and that reason is that it has not been used. Next we will have "The Light That Failed."

The average movie actress uses seventy-five pounds of make-up in a year, at the rate of a pound and a half a week. No figures are available as the amount used in Sikeston, but we hardly think it would be quite that high.

The writer of the famous "It Occurred To Me" column, went to Cape Girardeau Saturday to get his typewriter fixed, much to the delight of The Standard linotype operator.

An fine of \$25 was assessed against a 576-pound woman in New York for leaning against a neighbor's door and demolishing it. Beware, person of large proportions in Sikeston—both of you.

We are indebted to T. A. Wilson, Jr., for a poem this time. Here 'tis: I took my gal to a restaurant

Thought she'd like some supper; She stumped her toe on the table leg

And stuck her nose in the butter.

Saturday was St. Patrick's Day and the Irish were green. Fred Schorle is not Irish, he wore a leaf of cabbage which is sauer kraut when it's young.



REV. L. J. RICE
Evangelists in charge of Nazarene Revival



EDYTHE RICE
Evangelist

Revival service at the Church of the Nazarene beginning Wednesday, March 21. Rev. L. J. and Edythe Rice Evangelists, in charge. Come hear these preachers of old time Bible truth. All are welcome.—J. L. Cox, Pastor.

SOME LEAP YEAR

I've not noticed many weddigns And I wonder what's the cause. Have you girls all forgotten Just what are the Leap Year Laws Now please tell us if you don't mind Just what do you think this is Is it 'cause that you are bashful Or that you don't know your biz? Well, 'tis only every four years That we give you hens a chance To take advantage of proposing And pick your partner for a dance. Well, it's time you should get busy Try to understand some how That us boys all want to marry So that's why we write this now. —Contributed

Sunday a couple of young men parked in a car in front of the Missouri Utilities Co. building, shot a pigeon on the ground in front of the City Hall, killing it instantly. This is not the point. The gun used was a rifle with a silencer. It made no more noise than the breaking of a twig. This is dangerous business, the shooting of a rifle in the city limits, and worse business for one to own a rifle with a silencer.

The old intrepid, daredevil spirit of the West is not dead yet, and we see that a man out in New Mexico heckled Jim Reed the other day.—Ohio State Journal.

THE MELLON EXPOSE

The Baltimore Sun.

Mr. Mellon's story is that late in the fall of 1923 Will Hays sent him a package of \$50,000 of Liberty Bonds, which were part of the money obtained by Hays from Harry Sinclair; that later Hays called on him and proposed that he, Mellon, keep the bonds and contribute a like amount to the Republican National Committee's deficit; that this proposal to hide part of Sinclair's contribution was rejected; and that he then gave \$50,000 to the committee out of his own funds.

The story may be true. Not only would Mr. Mellon have been morally cheap to have participated in the trick, but a man of his almost incalculable wealth would have been financially cheap to have dodged putting up himself the contribution that was to stand in his name. But, in these days when nothing surprises one; it is to be noted that other very prominent and very rich men were not above using Sinclair's money in making contributions to the Republican Committee. It also is a somewhat singular coincidence that Mr. Mellon contributed to the committee a sum exactly equal to the amount of Sinclair bonds sent to him by Hays. For the late John T. Pratt showed that a very prominent and very rich man could take Sinclair bonds to offset his own contribution and then send back the bonds when the Walsh investigation began to be dangerous.

But let Mr. Mellon's story be taken at face value. There remain certain circumstances that deserve the attention of the citizens of this country. When Will Hays went to Mellon with Sinclair's bonds and with the proposal that this member of the Cabinet join in hiding the use of Sinclair's money to liquidate the national committee's deficit when that occurred the Teapot Dome question had been before the public more than 18 months. It was in April, 1922, that Secretary Fall secretly turned over the great oil reserve to Sinclair. It was apparently in November, 1923, that Hays approached Mellon. Between those dates, the Fall-Sinclair transaction had been challenged in the Senate and an investigating committee had been named. Senator Walsh was laboriously seeking the truth when Hays went to Mellon with Sinclair's bonds.

It may reasonably be asked why, when Washington was agog with rumors of stupendous robbery of the Government in the secret Fall-Sinclair transaction, the Secretary of the Treasury did not regard the appearance of Sinclair's bonds for use in liquidating the Republican deficit and Hays' furtive handling of the bonds as a circumstance so auspicious as to deserve investigation and communication to Senator Walsh? Was Mellon, next to the ranking member of the Cabinet, indifferent to colossal jobbery at the expense of the Government? Was Mellon, with a half-century of business experience behind him, innocent of the slightest understanding of the significance of Hays' appearance with a great block of Sinclair's bonds and of Hays' desire for secrecy in the use of these bonds? Where were Mellon's sense of duty and his common sense when Hays approached him?

These questions become more pertinent and insistent as succeeding events are reviewed. In January, 1924, about two months after Hays

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approached Mellon, the Walsh committee as told by Edward L. Doheny, to whom Fall had turned over the other great oil reserves, Elk Hills, that he had sent Fall \$100,000 in a little black satchel. From that moment the last lingering doubt of colossal jobbery at the expense of the Government was gone. In a little while the Walsh committee was on the track of Sinclair's cash payments. But Sinclair resisted examination and defied the Senate's committee, and revelation of the whole truth of Sinclair's corruption was thwarted. Yet during all the time that Senator Walsh pried and prodded for items of information the Secretary of the Treasury sat silent in his office, although he knew that Hays had obtained a great sum of money from Sinclair and was using it secretly.

Worst, the Secretary of the Treasury sat silent in his office when Hays early in 1924 went on the stand—before the committee of the United States Senate that was investigating a then plain case of graft on unprecedented scale—and swore that \$75,000 was all the money that Sinclair had ever given him. Still worse, the Secretary of the Treasury sat silent in his office when four years later Hays went before the Walsh committee and, even while admitting that he had deceived the committee in his previous testimony, proceeded to tell a tale about the disposition of the \$260,000 he had got from Sinclair, which no intelligent man could believe. One of the most suspicious features of Hays' latter testimony was the blank as to his use of a certain \$50,000 of the Sinclair bonds. He told of bonds going to Upham, to Weeks, to Pratt, but not one word of his negotiations with Mellon for use of the remaining \$50,000. And Mellon did not remind him.

At no stage of the fight that was started in the spring of 1922 to ascertain the truth of Fall's disposition of the nation's oil reserves, to uncover and to punish the plunderers of public property, and to recover the property—at no stage did the Secre-

tary of the Treasury lift a finger or utter a syllable to aid, although for four years he had knowledge of Hays' possession of Sinclair's bonds and of Hays' secrecy in using them. Not until a chance memorandum turned up in the papers of the dead man, Pratt, did this high officer of the Government contribute to the Walsh investigating committee the information in his possession. And so we repeat, the circumstances surrounding this matter deserve the attention of citizens of this country, even though they take at face value the present Mellon story.

But, after all, the panorama that is revealed by the Mellon story does not end today with Mellon. Able as he has been in the administration of the Treasury, one is not greatly to be surprised by his silence while protectors of public morality and public property sought vainly during many months for precisely such information as was in his possession. Mellon had been steeped in the politics of Pittsburgh and of Pennsylvania for decades before he appeared in Washington.

No one had ever heard of him as an enlightened patriot. And it was he who less than two years ago explained that he saw no difference between his contributions to the Pepper slush fund and contributions to a church. But there have been and are now other men in the administration at Washington who are supposed to have advanced conceptions of public morality. And what have they done throughout this six-year struggle to remedy gigantic corruption?

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How to Play BRIDGE

Series 1927-28 by
Wynne Ferguson

Author of "PRACTICAL AUCTION BRIDGE"

ARTICLE NO. 32

The following questions from correspondents and their answers are interesting and informative:

Question: "Should a four card suit be bid, forced or secondary, on less value than you suggest for an original bid? If so, what value? Should a secondary bid be made with less than 1½ tricks (your card valuation)?"

Answer: "A four-card suit bid is a sound bid, original or second hand, with the same values as required for a five or more card suit. A forced or secondary bid, however, is a little different proposition. A five or more card suit may be bid with one-half trick less strength than required for an original bid, but I would hesitate to recommend such procedure with a four-card suit. I feel that strength equivalent to that required for an original bid should exist before a forced or secondary four-card suit bid may be made."

"Secondary suit bids with less than one and one-half tricks are self-

Hearts—K, B, 4
Clubs—9, 6, 4
Diamonds—A, 10, 3, 7, 2
Spades—9, 2

Hearts—9, 6, 2
Clubs—J, 7, 3
Diamonds—K, 8, 4
Spades—8, 7, 6, 4

Y
A B
Z
Hearts—A, J, 8, 7
Clubs—2
Diamonds—Q, J, 9, 5
Spades—K, Q, J, 10

"No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one spade. A passed; Y bid one no-trump. B bid two clubs (should have passed); Z bid two hearts; A and Y both passed. B bid three clubs. Z then bid three diamonds and all passed. A opened the jack of clubs, won trick and returned 7 of clubs which Z trumped. Ace of spades was only other trick lost, scoring five diamonds."

Answer: "The hand you sent me for criticism was a most interesting one. You neglected to state which hand you held, but I presume it was Z's. If such is the case, I agree with your bidding in every particular. The 4-4-4-1 type of distribution is always an interesting one, and productive of good results if played at the best suit bid for the combined hands; otherwise it is particularly dangerous and very often gets the unwary bidder into difficulties."

"What would you have done if B had passed Y's no-trump bid as he should? The correct bid over a pass of the no-trump is still two hearts. Then B would be justified in bidding three clubs and Z would then bid three diamonds, with the same result as in your case."

"It is an interesting hand and the bidding to my mind shows that Z was

Answer to Problem No. 33

Hearts—5, 4, 3
Clubs—A, J, 9, 6
Diamonds—A, J, 8
Spades—9, 5, 4

Hearts—Q, J, 10, 8
Clubs—K, 3
Diamonds—K, 5, 3
Spades—A, Q, 8, 2

Y
A B
Z
Hearts—A, K, 2
Clubs—Q, 5, 4, 2
Diamonds—Q, 10, 9
Spades—K, J, 3

No score, first game. How should the remaining clubs, winning the these hands be bid and played? Z fourth trick in Y's hand with the six, should bid one no-trump and A should Y should now lead the four of spades pass. Some players might double and finesse the jack in Z's hand. A with this hand, but at no score I would not consider doing so. A has a fine suit to open—hearts, with three honors—and a fine defensive hand; so why start something that may end disastrously for himself and partner? Y and B also should pass, and A should open the queen of hearts. Z should win the trick and lead the king of clubs. A should play low the king in Z's hand, which A should and Y should play the jack. When it win. A should then make his heart holds the trick, he should play the tricks. Played in this way Y-Z score ace and when the king falls play out three odd."

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FOR SALE—One coal oil brooder, one hard coal brooder, both 500 capacity. Call 335—Mrs. Arnold Roth, tf.

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping with bath at 606 South Kingshighway, phone 403.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms for light housekeeping on the first floor.—Mrs. J. W. Wilkins, 228 Trotter Street, tf.

FOR SALE—Purebred Buff Orpington eggs 75c per setting of 15.—Mrs. F. E. King one and a half miles north of Minner Switch. 8t pd.

I want to trade a 5-room house and two lots, good outbuildings, for 40 or 60 acres farm. Would rent 40 acres. Can furnish self.—John T. Gray, 3tpd.

Colonel Lindbergh has very calmly flown over and above the advice that he abandon flying, so the chances are it wouldn't do any good to suggest to Senator Heflin that he give up public speaking to conserve his voice.—New York Evening Post.

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms on Ruth Street.—Mrs. Bert Gentry, tf.

FOR RENT—2 rooms for light housekeeping.—Mrs. R. E. Limbaugh, Phone 276.

WAITRESSES WANTED—Wanted two experienced waitresses.—Hotel Marshall.

SEWING WANTED—By Mrs. Virgil D. Williams, 419 Northwest Street, Plain or fancy. 4tpd.

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NOW THE COLORFUL TYPEWRITER

Typewriters have not escaped the vogue for color. A well-known make of typewriters is offering new models in a variety of attractive color combinations.

Many typewriters in use are being refinished in colors. In business offices the more conservative shades, such as Sage Brush Green, Dark Blue and Black, are used. In the home typewriters are being finished in colors such as Orange, Delft Blue, Jade Green or gay combinations of this kind. The typewriter now conforms to the color scheme of the home or the taste of the owner.

Mr. Jones of the Faris-Jones Company said that the typewriter is only one of the hundreds of articles which Duco has made more colorful and interesting. The outstanding advantage of Duco, especially in finishing office typewriters, is its quick-drying qualities, as the work can be done without interruption to business.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Texas Moore to Elmer Moore, 2.814 acres 1729-13, \$1290.

Rosalie Beyer to A. J. Decker, lot 5 block 11 Kelso, \$1.

E. H. Moore to L. M. Owens, lot 4 block 1 Roth addition Ilmo, \$1700.

Andrew Hedge to Joe Spradling, lot 2 block 26 Chaffee, \$4000.

Alice DeReign to L. C. Hamm and W. E. Foard, 4.14 acres 31-28-12, \$1.

E. S. Hahn to Fred Heeb, part lot 2 all lot 9 block 11 Kelso, \$1.

Lee Bowman to Annie Miller, lots 4, 5 block 52 McCoy-Tanner 9th addition Sikeston, \$1.

John Schatz to W. L. Zimmerman, lots 13-15 block C Fornfelt, \$400.

Southeast Realty Co. to Bertha Hamm, 20 acres 2-29-13, \$1.

Old Ben Coal Corporation to C. E. Weaver, 30 acres 11-29-14, \$2500.

E. J. Nienstedt to Ben Marshall, 20 acres 16-27-14, \$4150.

E. J. Nienstedt to Ben Marshall, 40 acres 16-27-14, \$2050.

W. E. Harmon to City of Chaffee, land in Chaffee, \$1.

R. W. Harper to R. P. Williams, land in Oran, \$1.

R. W. Maag to J. J. Klughart, lots 19, 20 block 3 Schuette addition Fornfelt, \$1100.

J. A. Meyer to H. J. Welsh, lot 6 block 6 Sikeston, \$3000.

A. W. Wylie to Homer Deckre, Jr., lots 5, 6 block 2 Applegate addition Sikeston, \$1.

Homer Decker, Jr. to A. W. Wylie, lots 5, 6 block 2 Applegate addition Sikeston, \$1.

J. C. Boston to Canova Dillon lot 12 block 15 Chamber of Commerce addition Sikeston, \$1.

J. A. Clayton to W. E. Harmon, land in Chaffee, \$2000.

Grover White to Ernest Lee, lot 16 block 15 Chaffee, \$350.

E. D. Hoffman to Frances Woodward, 227.544 acres 7-27-13, \$1.

E. D. Hoffman to Rboert Gober, 200 acres 7-27-13, \$1.

Mary Barbee to Chaffee Building & Loan Association, lot 1 block 37 Chaffee, \$40.—Benton Democrat.

Ask about our special price on rugs.—Rose Furniture Co.

At a conference on agriculture at the London School of Economics, G. K. Chesterton gave an address on "The Fallacy of Mass Production".

Still, England has no cause to regret having produced Mr. Chesterton.—Punch.

Frequent Bilious Attacks

"I suffered with severe bilious attacks which came on me two or three times every month," says Mr. Ollie Miller, of Murray, Ky. "I would become dizzy. My head would ache terribly, feeling as if it would almost burst. It felt exactly like a tight band was being drawn closer and closer around my temples."

"My stomach would be so upset I could not retain any kind of nourishment for hours. I would have to quit work and go to bed."

"My color was awful. I was yellow and my skin was drawn and dry. I did not have any energy—no ambition to work. I was just about half sick most of the time because of these spells."

"One day one of my neighbors, who has used Theodor's Black-Draught for years, said he had noticed how bad my color was and thought it would help me."

"I got some Black-Draught immediately and began to take it regularly until I got my system clear of the poison I had been absorbing. I soon began to feel better and developed a fine appetite. I had no more bad headaches or bilious spells."

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PROBATE COURT NEWS

R. W. Modglin is appointed administrator of estate of Musiette Howell with bond at \$3000.

Annual settlement by E. T. Catron in estate of Milton Sloas shows balance of \$906.66.

Annual settlement by Anton LeGrand for Cyril Essner shows balance of \$649.54 for Clara Essner shows balance of \$649.54; for Clara Essner \$719.55; for Joseph Essner, \$710.97.

H. F. Emerson, guardian H. F. Emerson et al, shows balance of \$451.28 in annual settlement.

Final settlement by Z. A. Heisserer in Vincent Heisserer estate shows distribution of 17.03 per cent to fifth class claimants as follows: Sister Olivia \$1390.10, Mrs. Crescent Miller \$590.07, Coena Dohogne \$567.46, Vincent Mier \$110.88, Theon Mier \$104.19, Olivia Fairvalley \$56.60.

Final settlement by Florence James in John James estate and she is discharged.

Semi-annual settlement by Effie Reeves in Fred Burns estate shows balance of \$558.75.

Final settlement in estate of Levi Prouty by Mrs. M. E. Prouty is continued.

Geo. J. Arnold, administrator J. F. Beggs estate, makes report of sale of personal property.

C. C. Rose, administrator Harry Cole estate, is authorized to sell store conducted prior to his death, to F. B. Whitaker of Memphis, Tenn., for \$12,000.

Personal property of Joe Mackley is sold by R. H. Mackley, administrator.

Final settlement by R. H. Mackley, administrator Joe Mackley estate, shows balance of \$206.06 for distribution of Mrs. Annie Mason, J. F. Mackley, W. G. Mackley, R. H. Mackley, Charles Mackley and Marvin Strait—\$34.34 each.

N. F. Anderson, A. H. Anderson and C. M. Wylie, are authorized to sell stock in Nanson Commission Co. belonging to said estate.

Anna Catherine Hodgkiss is named administratrix of estate of Mary LeGrand with bond at \$5000, signed by herself, Tom Hodgkiss and Geo. J. Arnold. Appraisers appointed are Ed Timmerstein, Gene Bertrand and G. J. Arnold.

Leonard Kelley is appointed guardian of W. T. Kelly, minor, with bond at \$100 signed by himself, David McElroy and J. E. Hamby.

G. J. Slickman is appointed guardian of Mae Hunt, minor, with bond at \$150, signed by himself and Z. A. Heisserer.

L. C. Leslie, guardian Leda Mae Daugherty, secures appropriation of \$20 for her use.

Birdie B. Fox is named guardian of John Fox, with bond at \$100.

John Fox is adjudged to be insane and incapable of managing his affairs.—Benton Democrat.

RED CROSS MEET NEXT MON.

The meeting of the local Chapter of the American Red Cross is to be held next Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, instead of yesterday as was previously announced. All members are urged to be present at this meeting. Officers will be elected and a movement will be started to obtain a permanent case worker for this district. It is imperative that as many be present as is possible as the co-operation of every member is needed.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take **Bromo Quinine** tablets

The tonic and laxative effect of Laxative BROMO QUININE Tablets will fortify the system against Grip, Influenza and other serious ills resulting from a Cold. Price 30c.

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Fertilizers Make Labor More Productive

It takes almost the same amount of labor to grow a crop whether the harvest be large or small. Base on the 40-year-old experiments at State College, Pennsylvania, shows how the same labor and land yield more with fertilizer. The same labor produced 36,000 pound more grain and 37½ tons more hay straw and stover on fertilized land.

Similarly in Ohio, one hour spent in growing wheat produced a little more than two bushels of grain, while an hour spent on unfertilized land brought in barely one bushel of grain. An hour spent on fertilized ground produced half again as much corn as that spent on unfertilized ground. To produce 750 bushels of corn, 600 bushels of oats, 340 bushels of wheat, and 32 tons of hay required 40 acres of land and 59 days of labor when fertilizer was used. Without fertilizer, 120 acres of land and 91 days of labor were necessary to produce the same amount of crops.

Fertilizers, because they increase yields, make labor more productive, with consequent greater profit. The chief interest of a farmer is production per man or farm. There is a definite limit to the number of acres a man can handle. However, one way to produce more is to grow more per acre. Larger yields, rather than larger acreage, are most likely to be profitable.

"Labor is in nearly all cases the most important item in the cost of production....Proper intensive culture will bring highest returns for labor. Too much or too little work on crops or animals will result in loss. One of the easiest ways to make a profit on hand labor is to have each man drive more horses. Still another way to make labor more efficient is by growing crops on land that is properly and sufficiently fertilized".—From "Farm Management", by Doctor G. F. Warren, Cornell University.

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The Standard, \$1.50 per year.
Ask about our special price on rugs.—Rose Furniture Co.
More pax; less tax.—Christian Science Monitor.

Loan sharks rarely attack those who do not go out beyond their financial depth.—Virginian-Pilot.
It may be possible for a man to have more money than brains, but not for very long.—New York American.

Pre-Easter Cleaning Event

Two Days Only
Tuesday and Wednesday
March 20-21

We will clean and press two articles for the price of one, as listed below:

- 2 Men's Suits, cleaned and pressed \$1.50
- 2 Men's Overcoats, cleaned and pressed 1.50
- 2 Plain Silk Dresses, cleaned and pressed 1.50
- 2 Plain Wool Dresses, cleaned, pressed 1.50
- 2 pleated Silk Dresses, cleaned and pressed \$1.50 up

These are the days to have your winter suits and overcoats, dresses, etc., cleaned and put in first-class condition before putting them away, and also the time to get your clothes cleaned and ready for Easter.

If you do not have two articles that you can send, as listed above, club together with your friends and take advantage of this two-day special.

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"Give Him One of Your Cards, Bob!"

Two men in a sedan and a farmer and his boy in a smaller car had stopped on a country road for a short discussion of business in general. The farmer and one of the men from town were old friends. The other was unknown to him.

"Give Mr. Hartley one of your cards, Bob," suggested the farmer's friend. "You ought to do some business with him before long."

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7:00 O'clock Nightly



TUESDAY

The Idol of the Screen



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Filmom's most popular male star in a peppy drama that will carry him still further! If you liked in Dix "The Quarterback", "Womanhandled", or "Man Power"—"SHANGHAI BOUND" is the picture for you.

NEWS and COMEDY
Admission 15c and 35c

WEDNESDAY

BLANCHE SWEET in

"Singed"

with WARNER BAXTER & MARY McALLISTER

A flaming drama of the new west and its old passions. Story by Adela Rogers St. Johns. The drama of a daring woman and a reckless lover.

NEWS and COMEDY
Admission 10c and 25c

THURSDAY

"Baby Mine"

Starring the funniest comedy pair of all times—

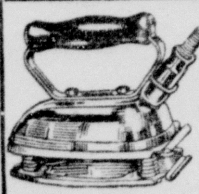
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As a couple of students at a chiropractor's college, they run into such a whirlwind of battles, bottles and babies as you've ever howled at! The farce that Broadway roared at for many months, is here now as a comedy sensation.

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FRIDAY

Evening Only

SUGARFOOT SAM FROM ALABAMA MINSTRELS. Songs, Melodies and dances. The funniest comedians on the stage. A good hearty laugh is worth a thousand groans, so come and enjoy one uninterrupted show of laughter. Our famous New Orleans Creole Chorus. Real Singing and Dancing. Worth walking miles to see and hear. Tell your friends. Don't miss it. Big Parade at noon. Free concert at 7:00 p. m. Night performance only—Doors open 7 p. m.—Curtain 8 p. m.



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Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo H. Mason of Poplar Bluff spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. David Lumsden and family.

F. L. Duck of Sallio, Tenn., will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Essary for two or three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Matthews visited in Memphis, Tenn., Monday.

Ed Fuchs is in Cape Girardeau, where he is attending the Robinson Lumber Company meeting which is being held there today (Tuesday).

Wednesday and Thursday he will attend the Southeast Missouri Lumbermen's Meeting there.

C. D. Matthews was in St. Louis, Monday.

The death toll in the California dam break of last week has been set at 449. The State's inquiry into the cause of the break began Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Nall left Sunday for a few days visit in St. Louis with relatives.

Mrs. R. D. Steinbeck of Bertrand underwent a minor operation at the Emergency Hospital last week and is improving rapidly.

George Myers, who sustained a crushed arm March 10 in an auto smash and has been at the Emergency Hospital since that time, returned to his home, Monday.

The Co-Workers of the Methodist Church will meet with Mrs. Annie Winchester Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Margaret Walton visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Walton of Charleston, Sunday.

Charles Schubert who was operated on at the Emergency Hospital recently, is improving.

Judge Sam Pikey of Conran was a Sikeston visitor Saturday in the interest of the final right-of-way near Portageville for Highway 61.

Mr. Pikey has been a consistent and influential worker for this road.

Harrison Clay and family have moved to Portageville. Mr. Clay was formerly connected with the Kroger Company here.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Wood have as their guests this week, Mr. Wood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Wood of Memphis. They were accompanied here by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walton, who returned to Memphis, Sunday. Mrs. Walton is a sister of John F. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Daymon of Blytheville, Ark., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Talley, Sunday.

Eastern Star will meet at 7 o'clock Thursday evening so that the business may be attended to in plenty of time for the members who may wish to attend the play at the High School auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anderson visited in Commerce Sunday. Their son, Bobby, who has been visiting in Commerce, returned home with them.

Mrs. Ralph Anderson is giving a private recital at her home on Tuesday afternoon at 4:15. The following pupils will take part: Martha Jane Marshall, Melba Hudson, Jennette Baker, Helen Baker, Lynnette Stalleup, Henrietta Moore, Virginia Baker, Wootton Inez Hollingsworth, Josephine Hudson, Ann Beck, Virginia Hudson, Marie Marshall, Marshall Sutton and Herman Sutton.

Mrs. C. L. Blanton, Miss Catherine Smith and C. L. Blanton, Jr., drove to St. Louis Friday to meet the former's daughter, Mrs. Wm. E. Payne and two children, who will visit in Sikeston for a while.

Mrs. M. M. Beck, the talented wife of M. M. Beck, had one of her very excellent poems "My Cellar Shelf" accepted by the Curtis Publishing Co. and it will be published in one of the coming numbers of the Country Gentleman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brenton and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Beck were visitors to Cape Girardeau, Thursday.

Mrs. C. E. Felker and Mrs. Wallace Applegate were visitors to Cape Girardeau, Thursday.

The Friday Bridge Club will meet with Mrs. Moore Greer at her home on North Kingshighway.

The Auxiliary will meet Wednesday evening with Mrs. Harry Blanton, March 21 at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Sanders and children of Poplar Bluff were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Proffer, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Powell and Mrs. Leonard McMullin left for Columbia, where Mrs. McMullin will visit her sister, Mrs. Mabel Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Powell will visit in Kansas City for a day or two then they expect to go to Canon, where Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Powell, Sr., have been for the past year and who will return to Sikeston with them. They expect to arrive home about Thursday.

Leland Lingle, former coach of Sikeston High School teams, is visiting in Sikeston.

Miss Doris Gilbert, who spent a few days in Sikeston with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gilbert, returned to Memphis, Tenn., Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Hinchev shopped in Cairo, Saturday.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MATTHEWS

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Whitener were in Wilson, Ark., over the week-end visiting his brother, V. C. Whitener. Mrs. Whitener is staying for a few days.

J. V. Baker and wife of New Madrid spent Sunday visiting her mother, Mrs. A. Brown.

Miss Mary Frances Harrison, who is attending school at Cape Girardeau, spent the week-end with home-folks.

Miss Frances Rauch of Crystal City, Charles Rauch of St. Louis and Mrs. C. S. Hale were here visiting F. B. Rauch and family over the week-end.

E. P. Keisler, Insurance Inspector for the Fire Insurance Company, was here transacting business this week.

Miss Allene Miller of Cape Girardeau and Miss Helen Murray, both teachers in the grades, are back in school this week after an absence on account of illness.

A. F. Stanley and wife of Risco were here visiting friends Sunday, on their way home from Morley, where they visited her sister, Mrs. Pete Taylor.

Ashley Craig, who was called to St. Louis on account of the illness of his brother, returned Saturday.

The St. Patrick tea which was held at the home of Mrs. Addis Martin Saturday afternoon was well attended and a delightful luncheon was served.

Allen Mocabee and family and Ed Mocabee and family started for Oregon Saturday, where they have work in a mill there. They are driving by way of Texas to California and then to Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson Reynolds and Mrs. J. G. Mocabee and son visited Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rogers and family at Caruthersville over the week-end.

O. M. Headlee has been elected treasurer of the school board to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of E. L. Griffin.

Mrs. J. M. Brown lost her house by fire Sunday morning about 11 o'clock. A back room which was lost in caught fire and was all aflame before discovery. Only by heroic work were neighboring houses saved.

The house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Dillon caught fire Saturday. The fire was isolated to one room by beaver board and extinguished after considerable damage.

BULLDOG CAPTAINS NAMED

Leonard (Guts) Watson was named captain of next year's boys' basketball squad and Nell Littleton was named to lead the girls at the basketball dinner given in honor of the two squads at the High School Building last week. The dinner was given the boys and girls by the members of the Sikeston High School faculty. Speeches were made by members of faculty, Supt. Roy V. Ellise, the retiring captains and the new captains.

Our Emergency Hospital continues to be popular. What it needs most is more room.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson and Miss Nellie Goodman spent Saturday in Cape Girardeau.

Miss Martha Causey spent the week-end with her parents in Essex.

Mrs. Harley Mathis and Miss Mabel Mathis visited in Cape Girardeau, Saturday.

Miss Hyacinth Sheppard spent Sunday in New Madrid, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lilbourn Stepp.

Miss Ila Cook of Chaffee was the week-end guest of Miss Evelyn Sutton.

Quite a few members of the Baptist church went to Farnfelt Sunday afternoon to attend a young peoples meeting.

Miss Annie Bagley spent Sunday with relatives in Morley.

D. B. Kevil was a business visitor in St. Louis the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Mary Hester is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Moore Greer will entertain Friday Bridge Club at her home on North Kingshighway.

Fred Helton of Cape Girardeau spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. David Lumsden.

LIVE STOCK MEN HAVE SUCCESSFUL MEETING

The all-day meeting of the Sikeston Livestock Association held at the Russell Brothers Building Saturday was successful both from a point of attendance and interest shown. Nearly 200 men attended the meetings during the day.

The \$5 prize for the best judge of cattle was awarded to Lester King of Matthews who made a perfect score.

W. C. Boardman of Sikeston and Charles Spaulding of Perkins tied for second and were each awarded the first prize of \$250. The cattle used were furnished by Arnold Roth and W. F. Woods.

Officers elected for the coming year are: J. W. Baker, Jr., President; W. H. Tanner, Vice-President; W. H. Sikes, Secretary and Treasurer and Fred Paul, W. F. Woods, Glenn Matthews and Marion McFarland as directors.

John Reiss was elected manager again and those desiring to ship livestock through the association should apply to him.

H. M. Garlock, of the Missouri College of Agriculture, gave an interesting and instructive lecture on hog raising which drew much favorable comment from the local raisers.

H. C. Hensley, also of the Missouri College discussed the agricultural outlook for the coming years and F. O. Johnson of the National Stock Yards also spoke.

The meeting was in charge of A. J. Renner, County Extension Agent, who with the members present wish to thank Russell Brothers for the use of their building and for the meal which was served them free Saturday noon.

H. A. Walton has announced his candidacy for police judge. He has lived in Scott County for twenty-seven years and at about twelve years ago ran second in a seven-man race for County Assessor. He was elected Assessor of Mississippi County in 1892 and served one term there. He is now serving the unexpired office of the late Dick Burks as Justice of the Peace, having been appointed to that office in June by the County Court.

Mrs. Walton died in 1926 and since that time Mr. Walton has lived with Herbert Walton, his oldest son. He has five children. In announcing for office Mr. Walton states that he is unable to do manual labor, having retired from active farming in 1925, and asks the people to support him on the grounds that he will serve them to the best of his ability.

For instance, who is this dark horse about whom everyone is talking, who is to run against Mayor Ed Fuchs? I have had several to tell me that he is a strong man, especially with the women voters and is likely to swing the election.

The collector's race promises to be interesting now with a third party in the field. Will Cousin Ed's relatives all vote for him or is that just his nick name? And do you suppose that Shep will chew the Cobb?

The Police Judge race should be pretty hot, too, with a new candidate. I have had several tell me that both the other candidates are now staying up at nights to get the votes. Why don't some plug ugly step in there. It isn't the best policy to have a good looking police judge on the bench because the female speeders might get off without a fine.

The Sunday moving picture show race—pardon, I mean the Councilmen's race should furnish the real interest, though. There are four men going out of office. I think they are Councilmen Wilson, Boardman, Bruce and Denman. Three of these men voted against letting the people of Sikeston say whether or not they wanted Sunday moving picture shows, you will remember. That looks like a chance for those who want the voters to decide the issue rather than the councilmen, to get the men they want.

If you can't answer this print it and maybe some of your readers can. A CITIZEN.

SPRINGFIELD BANK CLOSED

The First National Bank of Springfield closed its doors early Saturday after a small run by depositors late Friday. The president of the bank stated that the depositors would be paid in full, and that the bank would be permanently closed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carter of Dexter were in Sikeston, Sunday.

PROGRAM AT S. H. S. THURSDAY

"Our Aunt From California" will be presented by members of the Freshman Class of the Sikeston High School Thursday night at the gym, under the direction of Mrs. Josephine Vieth. Miss Frances P. Birch is directing the Sophomore play which is called "Not Quite Such a Goose" and is reported to be very cleverly done. The Glee Club under the direction of M. L. Granneman will give a concert the same night.

The people of Sikeston are urged to attend the exhibit of the Home Economics Department at the Sikeston High School which opened Monday afternoon at the High School Building and will continue today (Tuesday) and Wednesday. The girls of the department and their teacher, Miss Isabelle Hess, have done some good work and the exhibit is one to be proud of.



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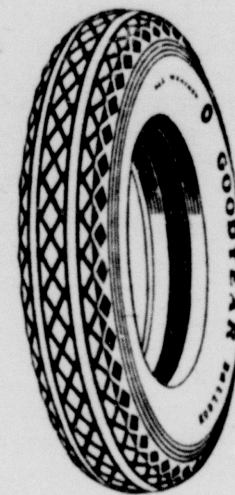
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CHAPTER IV.

Detective Anderson Takes Charge.

"What's that?"
"Somebody smashed a window pane!"
"And threw in a stone!"
"Wait a minute, I'll—" The doctor, all alert at once, darted up into the alcove and jerked at the terrace door. "It's bolted at the top, too," called Miss Cornelia. He nodded, without wasting words on a reply, unbolted the door and dashed out into the darkness of the terrace. Miss Cornelia saw him run past the French windows and disappear into blackness. Meanwhile Dale, her listlessness vanished before the shock of the strange occurrence, had gone to the broken window and picked up the stone. It was wrapped in paper—there seemed to be writing on the paper. She closed the terrace door and brought the stone to her aunt.

Miss Cornelia unwrapped the paper and smoothed out the sheet. Two lines of coarse, round handwriting sprawled across it:

"Take warning! Leave this house at once! It is threatened with disaster which will involve you if you remain!"

There was no signature.

"Who do you think wrote it?" said Dale, breathlessly.

Miss Cornelia straightened up like a ramrod—indomitable.

"A fool—that's who! If anything was calculated to make me stay here

forever, this sort of thing would do it!" She twitched the sheet of paper angrily.

"But something may happen, darling!"

"I hope so! That's the reason I—" She stopped. The doorbell was ringing again—thrilling, insistent. Her niece started at the sound.

"Oh, don't let anybody in," she besought Miss Cornelia, as Billy came in from the hall with his usual air of walking on velvet.

"Key, front door please—bell ring," he explained tersely, taking the key from the table.

Miss Cornelia issued instructions. "See that the chain is on the door, Billy. Don't open it all the way. And get the visitor's name before you let him in."

She lowered her voice.

"If he says he is Mr. Anderson, let him in and take him to the library." Billy nodded and disappeared. Dale turned to her aunt, the color out of her cheeks.

"Anderson? Who is Mr.—"

Miss Cornelia did not answer. She thought for a moment. Then she put her hand on Dale's shoulder in a gesture of protective affection.

"The man in the library is a detective from police headquarters," she said.

She had expected Dale to show surprise—excitement—but the white mask of horror which the girl turned toward her appalled her.

"Not—the police?" breathed Dale in tones of utter consternation. Miss Cornelia could not understand why the news had stirred her niece so deeply. But there was no time to puzzle it out—she heard crunching steps on the terrace—the doctor was returning.

"Sh!" she whispered. "It isn't necessary to tell the doctor. I think he's a sort of perambulating bedside gossip—and once it's known the police are here we'll never catch the criminals!"

When the doctor entered from the terrace, brushing drops of rain from his no longer immaculate evening clothes, Dale was back on her favorite settee and Miss Cornelia was poring over the mysterious missive that had been wrapped about the stone.

"He got away in the shrubbery," said the doctor, disgustedly, taking out a handkerchief to flick the spots of mud from his shoes.

Miss Cornelia gave him the letter of warning. "Read this," she said.

The doctor adjusted a pair of pince-nez—read the two crude sentences over—once—twice. Then he looked shrewdly at Miss Cornelia.

"Were the others like this?" he queried.

She nodded. "Practically."

He hesitated for a moment like a man with an unpleasant social duty to face.

"Miss Van Gorder, may I speak frankly?"

"Generally speaking, I detest frankness," said the lady, grimly. "But—go on!"

The doctor tapped the letter. His face was wholly serious.

"I think you ought to leave this house," he said bluntly.

"Because of that letter? Humph!" His very seriousness, perversely enough, made her suddenly wish to treat the whole matter as lightly as possible.

"There is some devilry afoot," he persisted. "You are not safe here, Miss Van Gorder."

But if he was persistent in his attitude, so was she in hers.

"I've been safe in all kinds of houses for sixty-odd years," she said lightly. "It's time I had a bit of a change. Besides," she gestured toward her defenses, "this house is as nearly impregnable as I can make it. The window locks are sound enough—the doors are locked and the keys are there," she pointed to the keys lying on the table. "As for the terrace door you just used," she went on, "I had Billy put an extra bolt on it today. By the way, did you bolt that door again?" She moved toward the alcove.

"Yes, I did," said the doctor, quickly, still seeming unconvinced of the wisdom of her attitude.

"Miss Van Gorder, I confess—I'm very anxious for you," he continued. "This letter is—ominous. Why not accept my hospitality in the village tonight? It's a little house but I'll make you comfortable. Or," he threw out his hands in the gesture of one who reasons with a willful child, "if you won't come to me—let me stay here!"

Miss Cornelia hesitated for an instant. The proposition seemed for

keep this young lady up too late—she looks tired." She flashed a look at Dale who stood staring out at the night, then sailed out of the room, still smiling, and closed the door behind her.

The doctor seemed a little nettled by her abrupt departure.

"It may be mind," he said, turning back toward Dale, "but forgive me if I say I think it seems more like fool-hardy stubbornness!"

Dale turned away from the window. "Then you think there is really danger?"

The doctor eyes were grave.

"Well—those letters—" he dropped the letter on the table. "They mean something. Here you are—isolated—the village two miles away—and enough shrubbery around the place to hide a dozen assassins—"

If his manner had been in the slightest degree melodramatic, Dale would have found the ominous sentences more easy to discount. But this calm, intent statement of fact was a chill touch at her heart. And yet—

"But what enemies can Aunt Cornelia have?" she asked helplessly.

"Any man will tell you what I do," said the doctor, with increasing seriousness. He took a cigarette from his case and tapped it on the case to emphasize his words. "This is no place for two women, practically alone."

Dale moved away from him restlessly to warm her hands at the fire. The doctor gave a quick glance around the room. Then, unseen by her, he stepped noiselessly over to the table, took the matchbox there off its holder and slipped it into his pocket. It seemed a curiously useless and meaningless gesture, but his next words evinced that the action had been deliberate.

"I don't seem to be able to find any matches—" he said, with assumed carelessness, fiddling with the matchbox holder.

Dale turned away from the fire. "Oh, aren't there any? I'll get you some," she said with automatic politeness, and departed to search for them.

The doctor watched her go—saw the door close behind her. Instantly his face set into tense and wary lines. He glanced about—then ran lightly up into the alcove and noiselessly unfasted the bolt on the terrace door which he had pretended to fasten after his search of the shrubbery. When Dale returned with the matches, he was back where he had been when she had left him, glancing at a magazine on the table.

He lit his cigarette and drew in the fragrant smoke with apparent gusto. But a moment later he had crushed out the glowing end in an ash-receiver.

"By the way, has Miss Van Gorder a revolver?" he queried casually, glancing at his wrist watch.

"Yes—she fired it off this afternoon to see if it would work," Dale smiled at the memory.

The doctor, too, seemed amused. "If she tries to shoot anything—for goodness' sake stand behind her!" he advised. He glanced at the wrist watch again. "Well—I must be going—"

"If anything happens," said Dale, slowly, "I shall telephone you at once."

Her words seemed to disturb the doctor slightly—but only for a second. He grew even more urbane.

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"Thank you," said Dale, seriously.

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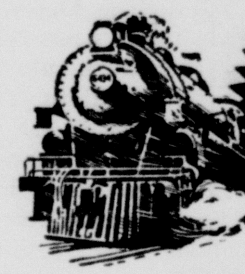
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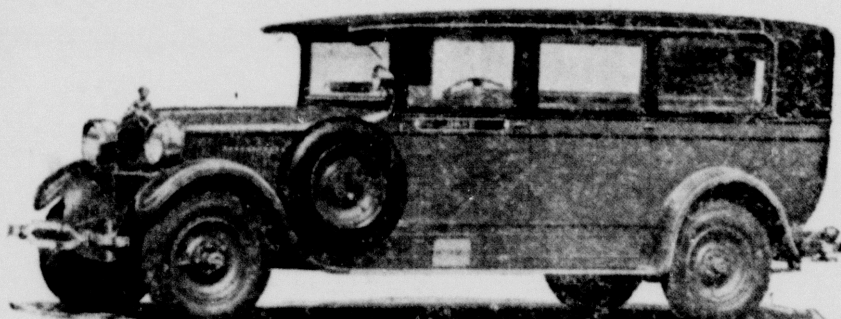
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ries me now is that broken French window," she said thoughtfully. "Any one can reach a hand through it and open the latch." She came down toward the settee where Dale was sitting. "Please, doctor!"

"Oh—what are you going to do?" said the doctor, coming out of a brown study.

"I'm going to barricade that window!" said Miss Cornelia firmly, already struggling to lift one end of the settee. But now Dale came to her rescue.

"Oh, darling—you'll hurt yourself—let me—" and between them, the doctor and Dale moved the heavy settee along until it stood in front of the window in question.

The doctor stood up when the dusty task was finished, wiping his hands. "It would take a furniture mover to get in there now!" he said affably. Miss Cornelia smiled.

"Well, doctor—I'll say good night now—and thank you very much," she said, extending her hand to the doctor, who bowed over it silently. "Don't

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dow. He picked up a piece of the glass and examined it.

Dale cleared her throat. "It was broken from the outside a few minutes ago," she said.

"The outside?" Instantly the detective had pulled aside a blind and was staring out into the darkness.

"Yes. And then that letter was thrown in." She pointed to the threatening missive on the center-table.

Anderson picked it up, glanced through it, laid it down. All his movements were quick and sure—each executed with the minimum expense of effort.

"H'm," he said, in a calm voice, that held a glint of humor. "Curious, the anonymous letter complex! Apparently some one considers you an undesirable tenant!"

Miss Cornelia took up the tale.

"There are some things I haven't told you yet," she said. "This house belonged to the late Courtleigh Fleming. He glanced at her sharply.

"The Union bank?"

"Yes. I rented it for the summer and moved in last Monday. We have not had a really quiet night since I came. The very first night I saw a man with an electric flashlight making his way through that shrubbery!"

"You poor dear!" from Dale, sympathetically. "And you were here alone!"

"Well, I had Lizzie. And" said Miss Cornelia with enormous importance, opening the drawer of the center table, "I had my revolver. I know so little about these things Mr. Anderson, that if I didn't hit a burglar, I knew I'd hit somebody or something!" and she gazed with innocent awe directly down the muzzle of her beloved weapon, then waved it with an airy gesture beneath the detective's nose.

Anderson gave an involuntary start—then his eyes lit up with grim mirth.

"Would you mind putting that away?" he said suavely. "I like to get in the papers as much as anybody, but I don't want to have them say—omit flowers."

Miss Cornelia gave him a glare of offended pride, but he endured it with such quiet equanimity that she merely replaced the revolver in the drawer with a hurt expression and waited for him to open the next topic of conversation.

He finished his preliminary survey of the room and returned to her.

"Now, you say you don't think anybody has got upstairs yet?" he queried.

Miss Cornelia regarded the alcove stairs.

"I think not. I'm a very light sleeper—especially since the papers have been so full of the exploits of this criminal they call the Bat. He's in them again tonight."

The detective smiled faintly.

"Yes—he's contrived to surround himself with such an air of mystery that it verges on the supernatural—or seems that way to newspaper men."

"I confess," admitted Miss Cornelia, "I've thought of him in this connection." She looked at Anderson to see how he would take the suggestion, but the latter merely smiled again, this time more broadly.

"That's going rather a long way for a theory," he said. "And the Bat is not in the habit of giving warnings. You can always tell when the Bat has had anything to do with a crime. When he's through, he signs his name to it."

Miss Cornelia sat bolt upright. "His name? I thought nobody knew his name?"

The detective made a little gesture of apology. "That was a figure of

speech. The newspapers named him the Bat—because he moved with incredible rapidity—always at night—and by signing his name I mean he leaves the symbol of his identity. The bat, which can see in the dark."

"I wish I could," said Miss Cornelia, striving to seem unimpressed. "These country lights are always going out."

Anderson's face grew stern. "Sometimes he draws the outline of a bat at the scene of the crime. Once, in some way, he got hold of a real bat, and nailed it to the wall."

Dale, listening, could not repress a shudder at the gruesome picture—and Miss Cornelia's hands gave an involuntary twitch as her knitting needles clicked together. Anderson seemed by no means unconscious of the effect he had created.

"He seems to have imagination," he admitted. "Well," his voice grew determined. "I have some imagination, myself. How many people in this house, Miss Van Gorder?"

"My niece and myself," Miss Cornelia indicated Dale, who had picked up her wrap and was starting to leave the room. "Lizzie Allen—who has been my personal maid ever since I was a child—the Japanese butler and the gardener. The cook and the housemaid left this morning—frightened away."

She smiled as she finished her description. Dale reached the door and passed slowly out into the hall. The detective gave her a single, sharp glance as she made her exit. He seemed to think over the factors Miss Cornelia had mentioned.

"Well," he said, after a slight pause, "you can have a good night's sleep tonight. I'll stay awake here in the dark and watch."

"Would you like some coffee to keep you awake?"

Anderson nodded. "Thank you." His voice sank lower. "Do the servants know who I am?"

"Only Lizzie—my maid."

His eyes fixed hers. "I wouldn't tell anyone I'm remaining up all night," he said.

A formless fear rose in Miss Cornelia's mind. "You don't suspect my household?" she said in a low voice.

He spoke with emphasis—all the more pronounced because of the quietude of his tone.

"I'm not taking any chances," he said determinedly.

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The home gardeners of New Madrid County as well as those of four other Southeast Missouri Counties are meeting this month in a series of conferences to discuss the kind and amount of garden crops to plant and how to grow them in order to provide fresh vegetables for the table and for canning. Their purpose is to cut down the annual food bill, and at the same time provide health insurance in the form of these valuable home-grown foods. One of the questions to be discussed at the meeting in this county, March 26 to 28 is that of the fertilizers to use on the home garden.

According to Scott M. Julian, County Extension Agent, barnyard manure is the best general garden and truck fertilizer. It furnishes the essential plant foods and tends to make the soil more friable, porous and easily worked. It acts like a sponge in holding water in the soil when the plant roots are feeding, thus rendering the land more drought resistant. Commercial fertilizers, however, are often needed and when properly used with or without manure are very valuable in securing profitable yields and high quality.



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A series of meetings to be held in New Madrid County during the week of March 26 to 29 will offer timely suggestions to the spring gardener and to the housewife who looks to the garden for a very important part of her family's food supply. The meetings will be conducted by the County Extension Agent, assisted by Miss Marion K. White, Nutrition Extension Specialist from the Missouri College of Agriculture.

These meetings are but a part of a larger series, covering five Southeast Missouri Counties and continuing thru the entire month, the purpose of which are to assist the home gardeners and housewives.

At each of these meetings Miss White will prepare and explain certain dishes very valuable in the family's diet, which can be made from home products, such as dishes made of milk and potatoes and many similar combinations. Her demonstration will show the fundamentals of nutrition which at this time of year offer special guidance for the planning of the home garden.

The county extension agent will supplement Miss White's demonstration in each case by supplying the latest information on garden seeds and crops, their planting and early care.

MISSOURI GRAIN STOCKS

Jefferson City, March 16.—Missouri farmers have less grain on farms than for several years as only 60,423,000 bushels of the 1927 corn crop is in cribs against 73,925,000 bushels in 1927 and 71,438,000 bushels for 5-year average, according to E. A. Logan of the U. S. Bureau of Agriculture.

al Economics and Jewell Mayes of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture.

Owing to late maturity of corn, feeding of hogs began late, with an increased number of hogs being fed, consuming a larger amount of corn crop, farmers now having only 35 per cent of the 1927 crop, against 38 per cent as a ten year average.

More feeding was done during January and February than usual, and runs of hogs continue heavy. For this past season 16 per cent of the crop was moved off farms where produced, compared to 12 per cent for 10-year average. Eastern Missouri counties are buying corn while a few western counties are selling.

Missouri wheat stocks are also lower than late years, as farmers have 2,198,000 bushels against 2,577,000 in 1927 and 4,158,000 for 5-year average, having marketed now 66 per cent of the crop against 56 per cent last year, and 60 per cent for 10-year average. The amount on hands is 14 per cent of the crop.

Missouri farmers have 7,205,000 bushels of oats against 13,970,000 last year, and 11,827,000 for average. As oats were poor quality, a small quantity was shipped but only 26 per cent of last year's crop remains on farms—6 per cent shipped against 15 per cent for 10-year average. Most of the counties in eastern Missouri are shipping in seed oats. Oat seeding was begun, and is well along in southern counties, extending north of the river.

Winter wheat made very little growth during first part of March. South of a line drawn from the Mississippi River at Lincoln County, thru Callaway, Cooper, Benton and Cedar to Jasper County, including Phelps, wheat has apparently been quite seriously damaged by winter kill during December, January and February. Late sown wheat is in worse condition than early seedings in most counties. Wheat had little snow covering during winter. In the balance of the State north of this line, some fields are not so promising now as in the middle of February.

Fruit prospects are favorable, although some peaches have been hurt, but strawberries have not been damaged generally. Farm labor supply is more plentiful than for several years, and more men are inquiring for employment in counties near the larger cities. Early potatoes in Orick District indicate increase and Missouri commercial plantings should total 6200 acres or 20 per cent above the 4180 last year in Ray, Clay, Jackson, Lafayette, Saline, Carroll, Chariton, Buchanan and Pemiscot Counties.

The amount of corn on farms in the United States is 1,020,335,000 bushels against 1,134,370,000 for 1927 and 1,093,799,000 for 5-year average of 36.6 per cent of the 1927 crop against 40 per cent for 10-year average. 130,007,000 bushels of wheat is on farms against 130,230,000 bushels last year, and 5-year average of 127,254,000 bushels. Oats held on farms is 376,699,000 against 421,897,000 last year and 480,092,000 for 5-year average. Rye, 7,914,000 bushels and 5,903,000 in 1927 and 8,344,000 for 5-year average.

Land prices are held about the same as last year. Sales of farm lands are picking up. Lands (without or with poor improvements) sagged some during 1927. In Western Missouri more dwellings, poultry houses, farms and repairs are being made than for some time. Farm work has begun in Southern Missouri, and is extending rapidly northward to the north line.

STATE AUTO LICENSE OFFICE HERE BRINGS EXTRA MONEY

S. N. Shepherd, candidate for reelection to the office of City Collector, has been responsible for a good many outside dollars finding their way into Skeston business houses. For the last three years Shepherd has been a deputy State license collector and two of those ears he served without pay.

Persons have come from all parts of Southeast Missouri to the local license office to get their tags each year and in doing so have naturally left a few extra dollars here for things which they have bought.

Last year more than 5000 licenses were sold by Shepherd, this year the 3000 mark has been passed and among those 3000 buyers of tags there were persons from Cape Girardeau, Poplar Bluff and every other town and hamlet in this section.

Can't the Interborough Rapid Transit Company and its employees compromise on a sort of companionate union?—Brooklyn Eagle.

A Pennsylvania man has invented a motor that dispenses with gas. Now let him develop a legislature that does the same.—Virginian-Pilot.

The French Senate has rejected a plan to conscript women in time of war. Anybody who has ever tried to conscript a woman will understand why.—San Diego Union.

5000 CANDIDATES FROM THIS CORPS AREA TO C. M. T. C.

Omaha, Neb.—Announcement of plans for the Citizens' Military Training Camps for 1928 just made by General H. A. Smith, Commanding the Seventh Corps Area, contemplates training 5000 candidates from the States of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas. Camps for thirty days from August 1 to August 30 will be established at Fort Snelling, Leavenworth, Kansas and from July 9 to August 7 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

All candidates are examined physically and those who meet the requirements will be sent to the training camps on the dates mentioned. Railroad fare to and from the camps will be refunded, and all necessary expenses will be paid by the Government. While at camp, food, uniforms, military and athletic equipment, and medical and laundry service will be furnished without expense to the candidate.

The object of the C. M. T. Camps, General Smith states, is to bring together young men of high type from all sections of the country, in the same uniform, on a common basis of quality, and under the most favorable conditions of outdoor life; to stimulate and promote citizenship, patriotism, and discipline and through expert physical direction, athletic coaching and training to benefit the young men physically; also to lead them to a better realization of their obligations to their country.

THIS WEEK IN MO. HISTORY

On March 24, 1921, the State Department of Finance was created by legislative enactment. By the terms of the law, consolidation of the State Banking Department, the Bureau of Building and Loan Supervision, the 'Blue Sky' Department, and Soldiers' Settlement Board, was effected. The powers and duties formerly vested in these several departments were transferred to the Department of Finance, and the office of Finance Commissioner was created.

Subsequently, however, the administration of the 'Blue Sky' Department and of the Building and Loan Bureau was removed from the Department of Finance by the 53rd and 54th General Assemblies, respectively. The administration of the 'Blue Sky' law was turned over to the office of the secretary of state; and the former Bureau of Building and Loan Supervision was re-created by the act of April 4, 1927. The present Department of Finance therefore has as its function the supervision of all State banks and trust companies operating in the State, of all closed banks and trust companies in liquidation, and since July 3, 1927, has had the licensing, and supervising of small loan companies.

In the first three decades of its statehood Missouri had sponsored two important ventures in the field of credit and banking—the loan office experiment and the Bank of the State of Missouri. The loan office system, inaugurated in 1821, provided for the establishment of loan offices and the issue of certificates ranging in value from 50 cents to ten dollars. For a few months the scheme worked well apparently, but losses accumulated and finally borrowers refused to make repayments. Eventually, the U. S. Supreme Court declared the certificates both unconstitutional and uncollectible. The loan office experiment therefore resulted in loss to the State, as it ultimately redeemed in full all unpaid certificates.

Demands for credit and banking facilities continued to be pressing, however, and finally resulted in the chartering of the State Bank in 1837. This institution, "founded in the panic days of 1837 and surrounded by paper banks of the worst sort, continued for thirty years to preach the doctrine of honest money". It was always a spec-paying bank, never refusing in all its history to honor its own paper. The Bank's limited capital and conservative, non-speculative methods eventually proved inadequate in the rapidly expanding commercial life of the State. In 1857, a general banking law, rechartering the State Bank but also providing for additional banks and more adequate banking facilities, was passed. This law remains the basis of all subsequent banking legislation in Missouri. The office of bank commissioner was at this time first created.

Missouri has 1306 State banks and trust companies, the largest number of any State in the Union, with the sole exception of Illinois. The primary function of the State Department of Finance is the examination and supervision of these institutions, in order that the interests of their depositors may be protected. The banking laws of the State being well-drawn and based upon sound banking principles, it is to the interest of both the bank and the depositor that these laws be strictly enforced.

All active banking institutions in the State under the jurisdiction of

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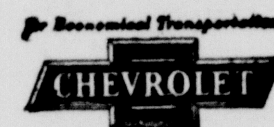
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the department are examined annually. Statements of condition are required to be published by all banks and trust companies three times a year, and each institution must also furnish to the Department three confidential statements at intervals during the year. In addition, each institution must annually conduct an examination by a committee of not less than three of its stockholders, and the report of such committee is required to be filed with the Department. These statements and reports are checked by the Finance Commissioner and his assistants and all slack or dangerous practices at once regulated.

The Finance Department endeavors to promote constructive co-operation between the directors and officials of banking institutions and the Department. In all its efforts toward a closer inter-relationship between the banks and the department it has stressed particularly the stabilizing influence of frequent inspection and regulation of the institutions under its supervisory control. By its insistence on conservative banking methods, and especially by urging more direct supervision by directors of their respective institutions, the Department has been instrumental in saving many institutions from liquidation.

Marines are needed in Nicaragua to insure a bloodless election. You see, nobody down there has enough money to buy an office in a fair and orderly way.—La Porte (Ind.) Argus.

A bird refuge is being proposed for the State of Kansas. This seems timely just before the coming Republican convention to harbor the lame ducks that may appear.

Most of the Presidential candidates have now clarified their attitude on the wet-dry issue by the bold, unequivocal and thunderous statement that it is the solemn duty of a President to uphold the Constitution.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Little more aviation and we'll have to start zoning the ozone.—Arkansas Gazette.

We have arrived at a happy solution of the subway problem. Let us keep the five-cent fare and have the Interborough Rapid Transit's annual deficit paid by that generous sugar papa, the Continental Trading Company.—The New Yorker.

Soviet Russia's disarmament gesture somehow carries the suggestion of a dove hatched in a buzzard's nest.—Weston (Ore.) Leader.

Buyers are racing back from Paris with the latest designs in gowns, most of which extend below the knees. No doubt the modistes are planning to tack on a cover charge.—Chicago Daily.

RED CROSS NOTICE

All who joined the recent Red Cross membership drive are requested to attend the annual meeting for purpose of electing officers, adopting program and any other business.

Meeting 2:00 P. M., Monday,
March 26, Chamber of
Commerce Room

FOR MEN ONLY!

Drudgery and Wash-Day are just about the sale. You would not stay at home and do the family washing. Why let your wife do it?

Send us your family wash. You will be pleased with the service we furnish.

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A new strain—very early—36 to 40 per cent lint. For price and further particulars call or write

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COUNCIL PRESSES MALONE AVE. PROJECT

Malone Avenue from the Grade School west to the intersection of present concrete route No. 60 will be opened without further delay. By unanimous vote, the City Council decided at the special meeting Thursday night to post funds in the Circuit Court at Benton equal to the awards made by the appraisers on the new street, which will allow the work to allow the work to proceed.

The amount, \$4091, is equal to the amount allowed property owners along the proposed street by the appraisers appointed by the Council last year. There are property owners who have filed exceptions to these awards, and it is these cases which are now hanging in the courts which have delayed proceedings. The posting of the funds means that property owners on the new street will be ordered to vacate by an officer from the office of the Sheriff this week and that instead of having to wait on court action the City now owns the property. In event the court acts either way, that is, allows more to the objecting property owners or less, the City is in a position to pay the cost.

Under the present arrangement an engineer will be loaned the City by the Highway Department who will at once draw up plans and specifications for the street. It has been suggested that the job could be done much more cheaply if the contract is let to the man who gets the contract for Highway 61 south to New Madrid. This will probably be let in the April lettings.

The Council also discussed the new sewer machine and the members who had seen it work and the mayor expressed approval of its work.

It was also suggested that some action be started on the proposition of getting Kingshighway paved from the new cemetery into town and that later on when the north route of No. 60 is taken, the alleged robbers will be taken then.

An ordinance providing for a \$6000 loan to place in the general revenue fund so as to take care of the Malone Avenue project and the other bills now coming up, was passed.

RETAIL MERCHANTS TO HAVE A CATALOG?

Definite action is being taken this week toward getting a catalog to advertise Sikeston and Sikeston merchants. C. C. Rose, C. C. White and George Lough are acting on a committee appointed by the president of the Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of some twenty-five retail merchants Thursday night. This committee will visit each of the merchants in Sikeston to get the view of the majority on the project and will report at the Chamber or Commerce banquet this Thursday night.

Other methods of advertising the town were also discussed at the meeting. The obtaining of a cream station here was suggested as was the obtaining of nationally known politically speakers. Roger Bailey, in suggesting the latter plan, stated that it had been his observation that speakers who came here usually spoke of Sikeston in other towns.

A committee was appointed to determine the number of milk cows in the vicinity and the advisability of getting a cream station here was also appointed to report at the next meeting.

It was the sense of the meeting that merchants could best work thru the Chamber of Commerce rather than as a separate organization. In discussing the catalog idea several specimen catalogs were shown those present and prices were quoted. A more definite stand is expected to be taken on the matter at the Chamber of Commerce banquet as there were many merchants who could not attend the meeting last Thursday night.

SHOE SALE SUCCESSFUL

Buckner-Ragsdale shoe sale opened officially Saturday morning, but on the day before persons who had heard of the bargain on shoes which included nationally known brands going on sale were in the store. More than 250 pairs of shoes were sold in the bargain basement where the sale is being conducted, which did not include the shoes from upstairs. The sale will be continued until the surplus shoes are sold when they will be replaced from the stock of the regular store.

The Big Selling Out Sale

SUITS FOR LADIES

We want you to see the material They sold formerly to \$75.00 and will make good work wraps or clothing for children. Your choice of rack ----- \$2.45

LADIES' HOSE

Gordon Silk Hose, \$2.50 grade ----- \$1.98
\$2.00 Gordon Hose ----- \$1.69
\$1.50 Gordon Hose ----- \$1.29
\$1.00 Gordon Hose ----- 79c

Black Thread, 2 spools ----- 3c
50c Out-size Hose ----- 22c
Ladies' Hats, one large rack, all prices assembled to \$3 ----- 69c
Men's sheep-lined coats ----- \$3.95
Brown Domestic L.L. yd. ----- 7 1/2c

Men's Extra Fine \$3.50 Dress Shirts ----- \$1.95
\$2.00 Dress Shirts ----- \$1.29
Men's Suits and Top Coats 1/2 Price
Oil Cloth ----- 23c
Men's and boys' fine dress caps, \$1.50 values ----- 69c

Men's Shoes and Oxfords, to \$6.50 value, now ----- \$2.45
Men's Oxfords, \$7.50 value, (one rack choice) ----- \$3.45
\$6.50 Goloshes, closing out \$3.95
Ladies' fine footwear to 7.50 values, choice rack. Out they go at ----- \$2.85
\$4.95 Goloshes, closing out \$2.95

eclipsed all past records to a point of rapid selling and value giving. Even though we were forced to bar the doors several times the eager shoppers waited in turn. Everyone left carrying a bundle and a smile. We attribute our phenomenal success to the fact that we are selling at profitless prices. A few prices that you will find yourself surrounded with the minute you enter the store.

FREE
DRAWING
EACH
DAY AT
2:30

FREE
BINGO GAME
EACH
DAY AT
3:00

Men's fine wool sweaters up to \$12.00, now ----- \$4.95
Stock up for next fall
Men's Lumber-jacks to \$5.00 values, now ----- \$1.95
\$4.00 black knee boots ----- \$2.85

Hood Hip Boots, \$6.75 value, now ----- \$4.45
Hood Knee Boots, \$4.75 value, now ----- \$3.35

Men's Coat Sweaters, part wool, roll neck, in grey or brown. Out they go ----- 98c

Children's Shoes to \$2.00 values at ----- 98c

Every Day At 9:00 A. M. When We Open, We Will Have An Early Bird Special

NOVELTY GOODS, THE ENTIRE LOT IN OUR FRONT SHOW CASE 1/2 PRICE

ALL REMNANTS 1/2 PRICE
CORSETS AND BRASSIERS
ONE-THIRD OFF

MEN'S FINE NEW HATS, LATEST ARRIVALS, INCLUDING STETSONS, ONE-THIRD OFF

GRAVE MARKERS TO BE ERECTED FOR VETS

A complete list of all war veterans buried in the Sikeston cemeteries is being compiled for the local post of the American Legion with a view of marking each grave with a suitable monument.

The list which is printed below is complete as far as can be ascertained but the records relative to the date of death and the organization in which the deceased served has not been found in all cases. The post adjutant, E. T. Wheatley asks that any correction or further information relative to veterans of any war buried in the local cemeteries be furnished him.

The list follows:

Boone, Henry.
Bradley, James A., February 13, 1923.
Ballard, Rube (no marker on grave).
Blaylock, William S., November 22, 1921, Co. K 140th Inf.
Cresap, Joseph D., July 2, 1897, Ben Hunter Co.
Carver, Samuel P., October 19, 1918, Co. D, 158th B. B.
Crowe, Berline, July 11, 1920.
Davis, William H., September 3, 1922, Co. —, 145th Inf.
Divinney, J. R., November 7, 1923.
Folsom, Dr. J. E., December 8, 1913.
Gallahan, Ed Lew, October 3, 1918, Co. L 350th Inf.
Gray, Arch (no marker on grave).
Harrison, A. A., March 13, 1914, Ben Hunter Co.
Hoover, Frank, April 14, 1918, Co. K 140th Inf.
Hocker, L. B., December 29, 1919.
Hunter, Joe, September 20, 1911, Ben Hunter Co.
Loftin, Boyd, May 28, 1922, Co. — 150th Inf.
McDaniel, Wilson, August 19, 1919.
Meldrum, Henry, December 16, 1918, Batt. — 138th F. A.
Miller, Dr. T. V., November 7, 1922.
Parsons, Dr. M. G., November 23, 1910.
Ross, John, October 18, 1918.
Shumate, Dr. T. C., August 22, 1892.
Shelby, J.H., January 26, 1912.
Tanner, Capt. Sam, October 5, 1912.
Warren, Lester, October 23, 1918, Co. M.
Watkins, —.
White, Silas (no marker on grave).
Waldman, Harry, January 25, 1920.
Wilson, Jap, January 14, 1903, Ben Hunter Co.
Caldwell, Elmer.
If there are any additions to this list or if information relative to the date of death and organization of a man which is not on the list, it should be phoned to Capt. Wheatley.

TWO HELD IN JAIL AS QUILIN BANK ROBBERS

Poplar Bluff, March 16.—Two of three alleged bandits who held up the Bank of Quilin and escaped with \$2600 are held in jail today, according to Prosecuting Attorney Kearby, who has filed information against them.

They are Frank Casey, held at Cape Girardeau and Ollie Sams, in jail at Benton. Arrest of the two men followed raids by Cape County authorities on roadhouses. The men were identified by Irvin Waller, cashier of the bank at Quilin, as the two who entered the bank.

A third man said to have remained in the automobile during the robbery and who is said to have been the "brains" of the gang is said to be at the home of relatives.

He was seriously wounded during the chase following the robbery, and his recovery is doubtful. Casey and Sams are said to be from Herrin, Ill. They are also alleged to have figured in other holdups.

Casey, officers say, just recently was released from the penitentiary where he served a term for robbery. The Bank of Quilin was robbed about three 61 was determined that some action be brought here in the next day or two and face preliminary trial.

The next great European war will make the world safe for Orientals.—Publishers Syndicate.

Greener's held thier Spring Opening Friday and Saturday with good crowds. The Price-Right Stores hold no sales, but offer bragains the year around.

Mrs. Wm. E. Payne of Ballston, Va., with her two children, Bill and Catherine, arrived Saturday evening for a visit with the editor and wife. Edna has been in very poor health for some weeks, but stood the long trip well and is looking pretty good.

C. OF C. BANQUET TO BE HELD FRIDAY

The annual Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet will be held on Friday night at the Methodist church instead of Thursday as was previously announced.

Plans for the banquet are not quite complete, but according to Lyle Malone, president of the organization, it will be one of the big events of the year. Tickets will be limited to 120 and will be sold for \$1 each. Tickets may be obtained from E. F. Schorle, M. M. Beck and at The Bijou.

C. D. Matthews will speak on the road bond issue and the road situation in general. A. Ray Smith and E. C. Matthews will tell of Sikeston's opportunities as to highways.

Plans for the activities of the Chamber of Commerce for the coming year will be discussed under separate heads. Plans for meeting competition will be discussed by G. A. Dempster and C. E. Brenton; as to dairying by G. B. Greer; for the further development of truck gardening W. H. Sikes and for poultry John Reiss.

The banquet will be a "ladies night" affair. Inasmuch as the women of Sikeston are taking a keen interest in the affairs and betterment of the

city they have been invited to participate.

SELLING OUT SALE OPENS WITH CROWDS AT MERCANTILE

The big "Selling Out Sale" opened at the Sikeston Mercantile Company Saturday with a bang. More than 2000 persons entered the store during the day, which began at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning. Several times during the day the sales manager was forced to lock the front door because there were too many people in the store to give any service.

E. W. Stanfield, the sales manager, is quite an entertainer. His games and contests keep the store crowds in good humor. The basement was turned into a carnival playground Saturday afternoon when "Bingo" was played by those present.

The sale will continue until the entire stock is sold according to the management.

Ask about our special price on rugs.—Rose Furniture Co.

An eight and a half pound baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Early Malcolm of east of Sikeston, Saturday night.

The L. A. W. Class of the Christian church will hold their meeting Thursday night with Mrs. Tom Baker. All members are urged to be present.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI GARDEN CONFERENCE

New Madrid, March 16.—Gardeners of New Madrid and four other Southeast Missouri counties will meet March 26 to 29 in a series of conferences to discuss the kind and amount of garden crops to plan and how to grow them in order to provide fresh vegetables for the table and for canning.

The meetings will be conducted by the county extension agents, assisted by Miss Marion K. White, nutrition extension specialists from the College of Agriculture. At each of the meetings Miss White will prepare and explain certain dishes very valuable in the family's diet, which can be made from home products. Her demonstrations will show the fundamentals of nutrition which at this time of year offer special guidance for the planning of the home garden. The county extension agents will supplement Miss White's demonstrations by supplying the latest information on garden seeds and crops, their planting and early care.

According to Scott M. Julian, New Madrid County Extension Agent, barnyard manure is the best general garden and truck crop fertilizer. It furnishes the essential plant foods and tends to make the soil more porous and easily worked, and acts like a sponge in holding water in the soil.

For root crops like potatoes, parsnips, carrots and turnips, root growth is desired, and acid phosphate or a complete commercial fertilizer such as 3-12-4 should be used, alone or in combination with the barnyard manure, he says.

CHAFFEE A. C. WINS TOURNEY —CO. K LOSES FIRST GAME

The Chaffee Athletic Club won the Independent Gold Medal Basketball Tournament held at Chaffee Friday and Saturday with a victory in the final game over the Chaffee Red Devils 34-9.

Company K lost in the opening game to the tournament winners 23-17 after a hectic battle. The Chaffee team was composed of some of the best amateur players in this section of the State, including Adams of Fruitland. The local team had practiced but little previous to the game and were not in condition, but played a good game.

Other tournament results:
Gordonville—21.
Cardwell—14.
Chaffee Red Devils—27.
Canalou—26.
Advance—35.
Blodgett—30.
East Prairie—37.
Morley—21.
Chaffee A. C.—28.
Gordonville—21.
Chaffee Red Devils—35.
Advance—24.
Chaffee A. C.—20.
East Prairie—18.

OREGON WINS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP AT COLUMBIA

The Oregon High School Basketball team won the State Championship at Columbia Saturday night, beating Springfield in the final 25-16 in the final game.

Poplar Bluff, representative of this section, won her first game Friday morning to open the tournament against Clinton 26-14, but lost their second to the champion Oregon team Friday night 27-8.

Frank Case, star forward of Poplar Bluff drew favorable comment for his play in both games. He is a junior and should be the backbone of the Mule team next year.

Second place in the meet automatically went to Springfield. This is the first time in high school basketball championship play at Columbia that a Kansas City team has not figured in the finals. St. Louis was represented in the tournament for the first time in several years. A rule was passed last year in St. Louis allowing St. Louis teams to play outside the county.

The all-State squad follows:
Forwards—McIntyre (Oregon), Renfro (Kansas City Northeast) Anderson (Warrenton), and Stuber (St. Joseph).

Centers—Egbert (Springfield), Williams (Sedalia) and Good (St. Joseph).

Guards—Smith (Springfield), Olds (Kansas City Northeast), Page (Kansas City Central), and Stalcup (Oregon).

MINER MEETING TODAY

The annual election of officers for the Miser Community Association will be held today (Tuesday) at the Community Building. A business meeting will probably follow the election of the new officers. Work is progressing in building up the new Miner Calf but no definite deals have been made for calves as yet.

132 ATTEND METHODIST MEN'S BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

One hundred and thirty-two men were present to see a new high mark for recent attendance at the Methodist Bible Class Sunday morning. Pictures were taken of the group after Sunday School.

The banquet Friday night was given in honor of the passing the 100 mark for attendance and more than a hundred men were present. Speeches were made after a delightful meal which was served by the Co-Workers.

Attendance at the Men's Class has grown by leaps and bounds since the first of the year. Until the banquet Friday night the attendance had been in charge of four captains, D. B. Kevil, Frank Van Horne, W. H. Sikes and Jake Sutton, but the increase in attendance has caused a regrouping of the class roll and it is now under ten captains with W. E. Hollingsworth as the General. The other captains besides those named are: Ray Oliver, J. P. Gilbert, Capt. E. T. Wheatley, Ray Hudson, W. L. Wagner and C. H. Clelland.

The class is now grouped for real action. Already the class has outgrown the room which has been used by them and has moved into new quarters. It the attendance keep on growing, there will soon have to be another room provided—which has been promised as soon as the class needs it.

PAYROLL OF LOBBYISTS MORE THAN CONGRESS

Washington, March 16.—The paid, unofficial dabbler in legislation who conceals both his purpose and the identity of his employer come under fire today when a House judiciary subcommittee took up the Caraway bill to require regulation of lobbyists.

Two prominent Democrats appeared before the committee to depict him as a fraud growing fat on money fleeced from the innocent public on the pretense that he exerts an influence over legislative matters.

Senator Caraway, of Arkansas, Democratic author of the measure, declared that passage of the bill would save a million dollars to industry by bringing the lobbyists into the open.

Hetermed "big business" the greatest loser and asserted that disclosure of the uselessness of the lobbyist would tend to remove such a danger.

The lobbyist payroll was described as larger than that of Congress by Representative Garner, of Texas, ranking Democrat on the House ways and means committee.

Mr. Garner said he welcomed the opinions of the well informed legitimate lobbyist who had given a careful study to pending legislation and that the lobbyist of this character would not oppose the Caraway bill, but would welcome it as a protection.

Other similar lobbyist measures were urged by Griffith, Democrat New York, and Schafer, Republican, Wisconsin. The latter asked that the committee broaden the measure by barring from congressional cloakrooms former members who were engaged as legislative counsel.

SPECIALIST IS CONDUCTING FOOD DEMONSTRATIONS

Miss Marian White, food specialist of the Missouri College of Agriculture, is conducting a series of demonstrations on the preparation of various food combinations in this section.

Monday afternoon Miss White held a demonstration at the home of Mrs. Lem Buck on the Commerce-Charleston road and today (Tuesday) she will be at the home of Mrs. Tony Gosche. Wednesday, Miner Switch will be visited and Thursday, the last of the demonstrations in this section will be given at Mrs. Jas. Smith's home, three miles south of Morley on Kluges Hill.

Every person that attends one of these meetings should take their own cup, spoon, fork and plate so that all food prepared may be sampled.

The County Agent will be present and discuss the cultivation and fertilization of the home garden.

This group of meetings is the first of a series of cooking meetings to be held in Scott County this year. First series, milk and potato dishes; second, bread; third, canning of vegetables; fourth, canning of meats.

Peoples Store Has New Dresses

The Peoples Store, who announced new Spring dresses and coats in Friday's Standard, has a complete stock of new styled garments offered at attractive prices. This merchandise is bought from the same source as the big city stores rather than from jobbers who furnish many other stores. The merchandise is of high quality and is selected carefully.

Ask about our special price on rugs.—Rose Furniture Co.

The L. A. W. Class of the Christian Church entertained the Christian Endeavor Sunday evening. Twenty-eight members were present.

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DAY AND NIGHT

BUS WAR ENDS WITH FIST FIGHT AND WRECK

The bus war between four bus companies operating between Dexter and Detroit has about ended after several fist fights and the one bus crowding another off into the ditch on Highway 60 near Charleston last week.

The driver of the offending bus was fined \$25 for pushing the other bus into the ditch. A woman and a girl were injured in the wreck. It was alleged that Bob Brandham, and the driver of the other bus were racing from Dexter to Charleston to pick up a passenger there. The other driver claimed that Brandham struck his bus, pushing it off the road. Brandham alleged that his competitor had sought to "hog" the road in violation of the Missouri road laws.

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Simon Loebe, publisher of the Charleston Times, was a Standard caller Monday. He was accompanied by H. B. McFarland who succeeds him in the bill posting business.

Quite a number from New Madrid were in town Saturday attending the sales put on by some of our merchants. Some of our stores had to increase their number of clerks by three fold.

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Mrs. Sayers Tanner and Mrs. I. Lewis were shopping in Cape Girardeau, Saturday.

3 MORE WARRANTS SERVED IN CANALOU RAPE CASE

Three more warrants charging the rape of a 15-year-old daughter of a Canalou farmer have been served in and near Canalou. The men are Trigger Sexton, Harry Robertson and Tobe Bomer. The attacks were alleged to have been made on the girl between March 3 and 7.

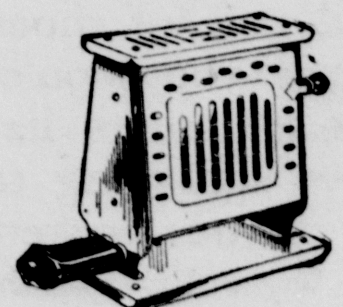
Prosecuting Attorney J. Val Baker, of New Madrid said that the preliminary hearings would probably be held Wednesday, March 28 and that a change of venue would probably be made. The place of hearing has not been decided. He said that he hoped to have the trial before Justice Pete Smith of New Madrid.

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C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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ANNOUNCEMENT

For Police Judge
H. A. WALTON

It is but fair to Malcolm Ratcliff that we give publicity to the fact that he has paid all indebtedness to The Standard on account of subscription. He thought The Standard took undue advantage of him by giving him publicity through the paper when he had no opportunity to return the compliment. Perhaps we should have said nothing and turned the other cheek but it is hard to do that when the other fellow hands out a wallop that is not according to the Golden Rule. We have tried to give a square deal to everyone and are not always getting a square deal and finally getting the dirty end of the stick gets tiresome.

The Democrats of Missouri are in a fair way to redeem the State if they use common sense judgment at the primary. Harry Hawes preached harmony during his campaign and harmony is what put him over. Charlie Hay gave him the final country vote that turned the tide. The friends of Harry Hawes cannot overlook what Hay did for the party, and we believe to a man they should and will support Hay at the primary and at the November election. No one faction can carry the State. It takes a united Democracy to turn the trick. It is well known that Francis M. Wilson has always been an ardent Reed supporter, and Charlie Hay just as strong the other way. Both of them now seem to be way in the lead and the coupling of the two factions spells success in November. It was regretted generally that Collet of Saulsberry, an uncompromising Reed man, entered the race for it jeopardized the entire ticket, for there are a lot of us who would cut Reed's political throat in a minute on the slightest provocation; but who will vote for a harmony ticket from top to bottom for success. If the Reed men sacrifice Charlie Hay in the primary for Collet, Old Scratch will do the business in November and this is not maybe.

The ladies of the Miner witch community will have Easter eggs and baskets for sale. Call 903F23 or 903F3. Proceeds to help pay on plans our Community Hall.

The Standard is of the opinion that Southeast Missouri officers did not use the same tactics as used by the old Texas Rangers or the Canadian Mounted Police, or the robbers who held up the Qulin bank three weeks ago would have been captured or killed. It was pretty well known who the robbers were and the pursuit was so hot in Stoddard County that officers and the robbers exchanged shots. It was but a few hours afterwards until the robbers abandoned their car in Scott County and if any concerted action has been taken since the Stoddard County officials took out, we have heard nothing of it. One of the robbers was treated by a Sikeston physician for a gun shot wound and the physician did not report the fact. It is stated the same fellow was treated by a Cape Girardeau physician, who reported it, but the man slipped away. It is true Sheriff Dye picked up three men at Cape Girardeau as the Qulin robbers, but only one of them was of the three suspected ones.

The Standard wonders if our people know just how pressed all mercantile establishments of the Sikeston District are for business and ready cash. If they did, they would not stand in the way of a Sunday picture show that would bring many nickels, dimes and quarters to our city that go to other cities for the same purpose. Hardly a person in Sikeston but what disobeys the teachings of preachers in some way on Sunday in a way just as bad as going to a picture show. Car riding for pleasure, Sunday picnics, Sunday card games, Sunday reading of novels, Sunday golf, Sunday baseball, and other recreations that are not practiced by preachers. Understand, please, The Standard is not criticizing those who engage in any of the above past time, for we engage in them ourselves believing that if our conscience will stand for it, there is no great wrong. We want to see our merchants prosper and our city prosper.

In regard to the Sikeston postoffice The Standard will say that out of the appropriation for public buildings in the United States, the first three allocated in Missouri are St. Louis, Sedalia and Sikeston. This is straight. While at St. Joe the editor took up the matter with Senator Hawes of having Sikeston taken up in 1928 in order to spend that much money in this section. A letter from him Saturday stated that he had not much success in advancing the building program. Anyway, Sikeston is certain to get a building out of the appropriation now a law.

Kite time is danger time for children and electric companies. Officials point out that it is very dangerous to fly kites near electric wires. The Company officials do not mean to discourage the pleasure that comes to a boy from flying his kite, but they do advise that an open space should be used for the purpose.

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SEZ THE
SIKESTONIAN

By I. C. SIKESTON

This cigarette lighter business promises to be interesting. That "the first man had no chance", seems to be true—he was the citizen who has had the lighter since Christmas, 1919. Comes now a man who claims a lighter which is so old that it was used before the day of "tailor-made" cigarettes—it is an old-fashioned flint rock contraption which has lit many a pill.

We have traced down the "lighter that never failed"—like grapes—there is a reason and that reason is that it has not been used. Next we will have "The Light That Failed."

The average movie actress uses seventy-five pounds of make-up in a year, at the rate of a pound and a half a week. No figures are available as the amount used in Sikeston, but we hardly think it would be quite that high.

The writer of the famous "It Occurred To Me" column, went to Cape Girardeau Saturday to get his typewriter fixed, much to the delight of The Standard linotype operator.

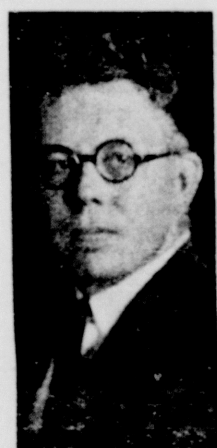
An fine of \$25 was assessed against a 576-pound woman in New York for leaning against a neighbor's door and demolishing it. Beware, person of large proportions in Sikeston—both of you.

We are indebted to T. A. Wilson, Jr. for a poem this time. Here 'tis: I took my gal to a restaurant

Thought she'd like some supper;
She stumped her toe on the table leg

And stuck her nose in the butter.

Saturday was St. Patrick's Day and the Irish wore green. Fred Schorle is not Irish, he wore a leaf of cabbage which is sauer kraut when it's young.



REV. L. J. RICE

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Revival service at the Church of the Nazarene beginning Wednesday, March 21. Rev. L. J. and Edythe Rice Evangelists, in charge. Come hear these preachers of old time Bible truth. All are welcome.—J. L. Cox, Pastor.

SOME LEAP YEAR

I've not noticed many weddings
And I wonder what's the cause.
Have you girls all forgotten
Just what are the Leap Year Laws
Now please tell us if you don't mind
Just what do you think this is
Is it 'cause that you are bashful
Or that you don't know your biz?
Well, 'tis only every four years
That we give you hens a chance
To take advantage of proposing
And pick your partner for a dance.
Well, it's time you should get busy
Try to understand some how
That us boys all want to marry
So that's why we write this now.
—Contributed

Sunday a couple of young men parked in a car in front of the Missouri Utilities Co. building, shot a pigeon on the ground in front of the City Hall, killing it instantly. This is not the point. The gun used was a rifle with a silencer. It made no more noise than the breaking of a twig. This is dangerous business, the shooting of a rifle in the city limits, and worse business for one to own a rifle with a silencer.

The old intrepid, daredevil spirit of the West is not dead yet, and we see that a man out in New Mexico heckled Jim Reed the other day.—Ohio State Journal.

THE MELLON EXPOSE

The Baltimore Sun.

Mr. Mellon's story is that late in the fall of 1923 Will Hays sent him a package of \$50,000 of Liberty Bonds, which were part of the money obtained by Hays from Harry Sinclair; that later Hays called on him and proposed that he, Mellon, keep the bonds and contribute a like amount to the Republican National Committee's deficit; that this proposal to hide part of Sinclair's contribution was rejected; and that he then gave \$50,000 to the committee out of his own funds.

The story may be true. Not only would Mr. Mellon have been morally cheap to have participated in the trick, but a man of his almost incalculable wealth would have been financially cheap to have dodged putting up himself the contribution that was to stand in his name. But, in these days when nothing surprises one; it is to be noted that other very prominent and very rich men were not above using Sinclair's money in making contributions to the Republican Committee. It also is a somewhat singular coincidence that Mr. Mellon contributed to the committee a sum exactly equal to the amount of Sinclair bonds sent to him by Hays. For the late John T. Pratt showed that a very prominent and very rich man could take Sinclair bonds to offset his own contribution and then send back the bonds when the Wash investigation began to be dangerous.

But let Mr. Mellon's story be taken at face value. There remain certain circumstances that deserve the attention of the citizens of this country. When Will Hays went to Mellon with Sinclair's bonds and with the proposal that this member of the Cabinet join in hiding the use of Sinclair's money to liquidate the national committee's deficit when that occurred the Teapot Dome question had been before the public more than 18 months. It was in April, 1922, that Secretary Fall secretly turned over the great oil reserve to Sinclair. It was apparently in November, 1923, that Hays approached Mellon. Between those dates, the Fall-Sinclair transaction had been challenged in the Senate and an investigating committee had been named. Senator Walsh was laboriously seeking the truth when Hays went to Mellon with Sinclair's bonds.

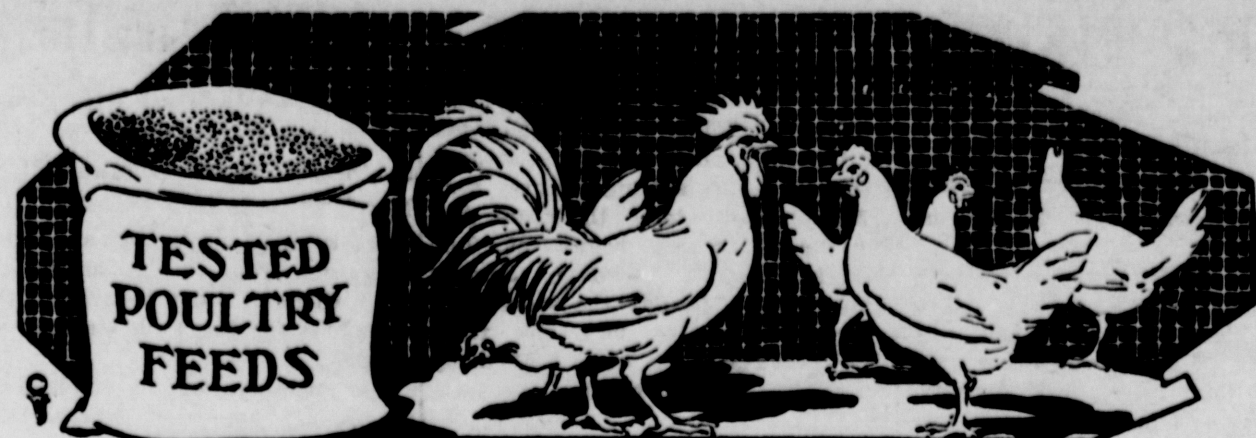
It may reasonably be asked why, when Washington was agog with rumors of stupendous robbery of the Government in the secret Fall-Sinclair transaction, the Secretary of the Treasury did not regard the appearance of Sinclair's bonds for use in liquidating the Republican deficit and Hays' furtive handling of the bonds as a circumstance so auspicious as to deserve investigation and communication to Senator Walsh? Was Mellon, next to the ranking member of the Cabinet, indifferent to colossal jobbery at the expense of the Government? Was Mellon, with a half-century of business experience behind him, innocent of the slightest understanding of the significance of Hays' appearance with a great block of Sinclair's bonds and of Hays' desire for secrecy in the use of these bonds? Where were Mellon's sense of duty and his common sense when Hays approached him?

These questions become more pertinent and insistent as succeeding events are reviewed. In January, 1924, about two months after Hays

approached Mellon, the Walsh committee as told by Edward L. Doheny, to whom Fall had turned over the other great oil reserves, Elk Hills, that he had sent Fall \$100,000 in a little black satchel. From that moment the last lingering doubt of colossal jobbery at the expense of the Government was gone. In a little while the Walsh committee was on the track of Sinclair's cash payments. But Sinclair resisted examination and defied the Senate's committee, and revelation of the whole truth of Sinclair's corruption was thwarted. Yet during all the time that Senator Walsh pried and prodded for items of information the Secretary of the Treasury sat silent in his office, although he knew that Hays had obtained a great sum of money from Sinclair and was using it secretly.

Worst, the Secretary of the Treasury sat silent in his office when Hays early in 1924 went on the stand—before the committee of the United States Senate that was investigating a then plain case of graft on unprecedented scale—and swore that \$75,000 was all the money that Sinclair had ever given him. Still worse, the Secretary of the Treasury sat silent in his office when four years later Hays went before the Walsh committee and, even while admitting that he had deceived the committee in his previous testimony, proceeded to tell a tale about the disposition of the \$260,000 he had got from Sinclair, which no intelligent man could believe. One of the most suspicious features of Hays' latter testimony was the blank as to his use of a certain \$50,000 of the Sinclair bonds. He told of bonds going to Upham, to Weeks, to Pratt, but not one word of his negotiations with Mellon for use of the remaining \$50,000. And Mellon did not remind him.

At no stage of the fight that was started in the spring of 1922 to ascertain the truth of Fall's disposition of the nation's oil reserves, to uncover and to punish the plunderers of public property, and to recover the property—at no stage did the Secre-



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tary of the Treasury lift a finger or utter a syllable to aid, although for four years he had knowledge of Hays' possession of Sinclair's bonds and of Hays' secrecy in using them. Not until a chance memorandum turned up in the papers of the dead man, Pratt, did this high officer of the Government contribute to the Walsh investigating committee the information in his possession. And so we repeat, the circumstances surrounding this matter deserve the attention of citizens of this country, even though they take at face value the present Mellon story.

But, after all, the panorama that is revealed by the Mellon story does not end today with Mellon. Able as he has been in the administration of the Treasury, one is not greatly to be surprised by his silence while protectors of public morality and public property sought vainly during many months for precisely such information as was in his possession. Mellon had been steeped in the politics of Pittsburgh and of Pennsylvania for decades before he appeared in Washington.

No one had ever heard of him as an enlightened patriot. And it was he who less than two years ago explained that he saw no difference between his contributions to the Pepper slush fund and contributions to a church. But there have been and are now other men in the administration at Washington who are supposed to have advanced conceptions of public morality. And what have they done throughout this six-year struggle to remedy gigantic corruption?

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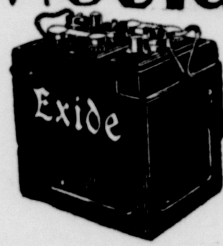
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ARTICLE NO. 32

The following questions from correspondents and their answers are interesting and informative:

Question: "Should a four card suit be bid, forced or secondary, on less value than you suggest for an original bid? If so, what value? Should a secondary bid be made with less than 1½ tricks (your card valuation)?"

Answer: "A four-card suit bid is a sound bid, original or second hand, with the same values as required for a five or more card suit. A forced or secondary bid, however, is a little different proposition. A five or more card suit may be bid with one-half trick less strength than required for an original bid, but I would hesitate to recommend such procedure with a four-card suit. I feel that strength equivalent to that required for an original bid should exist before a forced or secondary four-card suit bid may be made."

"Secondary suit bids with less than one and one-half tricks are self-

Hearts—K, B, 4

Clubs—9, 6, 4

Diamonds—A, 10, 3, 7, 2

Spades—9, 2

Hearts—9, 6, 2

Clubs—J, 7, 3

Diamonds—K, 8, 4

Spades—8, 7, 6, 4

Y

B

Z

Hearts—A, J, 8, 7

Clubs—2

Diamonds—Q, J, 9, 5

Spades—K, Q, J, 10

Hearts—10, 5, 3

Clubs—A, K, Q, 10, 8, 5

Diamonds—6

Spades—A, 5, 3

"No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one spade. A passed; Y bid one no-trump. B bid two clubs (should have passed); Z bid two hearts; A and Y both passed. B bid three clubs. Z then bid three diamonds and all passed. A opened the jack of clubs, won trick and returned 7 of clubs which Z trumped. Ace of spades was only other trick lost, scoring five diamonds."

Answer: "The hand you sent me for criticism was a most interesting one. You neglected to state which hand you held, but I presume it was Z's. If such is the case, I agree with your bidding in every particular. The 4-4-4-1 type of distribution is always an interesting one, and productive of good results if played at the best suit bid for the combined hands; otherwise it is particularly dangerous and very often gets the unwary bidder into difficulties."

"What would you have done if B had passed Y's no-trump bid as he should? The correct bid over a pass of the no-trump is still two hearts. Then B would be justified in bidding three clubs and Z would then bid three diamonds, with the same result as in your case."

"It is an interesting hand and the bidding to my mind shows that Z was

Answer to Problem No. 33

Hearts—5, 4, 3

Clubs—A, J, 9, 6

Diamonds—A, J, 8

Spades—9, 5, 4

Hearts—Q, J, 10, 8

Clubs—K, 3

Diamonds—K, 5, 3

Spades—A, Q, 8, 2

Y

B

Z

Hearts—A, K, 2

Clubs—Q, 5, 4, 2

Diamonds—Q, 10, 9

Spades—K, J, 3

No score, first game. How should the remaining clubs, winning the these hands be bid and played? Z fourth trick in Y's hand with the six, should bid one no-trump and A should pass. Some players might double with this hand, but at no score I would not consider doing so. A has a fine suit to open—hearts, with three honors—and a fine defensive hand; so why start something that may end disastrously for himself and partner? Y and B also should pass, and A should open the queen of hearts. Z should win the trick and lead the deuce of clubs. A should play low and Y should play the jack. When it holds the trick, he should play the ace and when the king falls play out

Colonel Lindbergh has very calmly flown over and above the advice that he abandon flying, so the chances are it wouldn't do any good to suggest to Senator Heflin that he give up public speaking to conserve his voice.—New York Evening Post.

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SEWING WANTED—By Mrs. Virgil D. Williams, 419 Northwest Street. Plain or fancy. 4t pd.

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NOW THE COLORFUL

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Typewriters have not escaped the vogue for color. A well-known make of typewriters is offering new models in a variety of attractive color combinations.

Many typewriters in use are being refinished in colors. In business offices the more conservative shades, such as Sage Brush Green, Dark Blue and Black, are used. In the home typewriters are being finished in colors such as Orange, Delft Blue, Jade Green or gray combinations of this kind. The typewriter now conforms to the color scheme of the home or the taste of the owner.

Mr. Jones of the Faris-Jones Company said that the typewriter is only one of the hundreds of articles which Duco has made more colorful and interesting. The outstanding advantage of Duco, especially in finishing office typewriters, is its quick-drying qualities, as the work can be done without interruption to business.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Texas Moore to Elmer Moore, 2.814 acres 1729-13, \$1200.

Rosalie Beyer to A. J. Decker, lot 5 block 11 Kelso, \$1.

E. H. Moore to L. M. Owens, lot 4 block 1 Roth addition Illmo, \$1700.

Andrew Hedge to Joe Spradling, lot 2 block 26 Chaffee, \$4000.

Alice DeReign to L. C. Hamm and W. E. Foard, 4.14 acres 31-28-12, \$1.

E. S. Hahn to Fred Heeb, part lot 2 all lot 9 block 11 Kelso, \$1.

Lee Bowman to Annie Miller, lots 4, 5 block 52 McCoy-Tanner 9th addition Sikeston, \$1.

John Schatz to W. L. Zimmerman, lots 13-15 block C Fornfelt, \$400.

Southeast Realty Co. to Bertha Hamm, 20 acres 2-29-13, \$1.

Old Ben Coal Corporation to C. E. Weaver, 30 acres 11-29-14, \$2500.

E. J. Nienstedt to Ben Marshall, 20 acres 16-27-14, \$4150.

E. J. Nienstedt to Ben Marshall, 40 acres 16-27-14, \$2050.

W. E. Harmon to City of Chaffee, land in Chaffee, \$1.

R. W. Harper to R. P. Williams, land in Oran, \$1.

R. W. Maag to J. J. Klughart, lots 19, 20 block 3 Schuette addition Fornfelt, \$1100.

J. A. Meyer to H. J. Welsh, lot 6 block 6 Sikeston, \$3000.

A. W. Wylie to Homer Decker, Jr., lots 5, 6 block 2 Applegate addition Sikeston, \$1.

Homer Decker, Jr. to A. W. Wylie, lots 5, 6 block 2 Applegate addition Sikeston, \$1.

J. C. Boston to Canova Dillon, lot 12 block 15 Chamber of Commerce addition Sikeston, \$1.

J. A. Clayton to W. E. Harmon, land in Chaffee, \$2000.

Grover White to Ernest Lee, lot 16 block 15 Chaffee, \$350.

E. D. Hoffman to Frances Woodward, 227.544 acres 7-27-13, \$1.

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Mary Barbee to Chaffee Building & Loan Association, lot 1 block 37 Chaffee, \$40.—Benton Democrat.

Ask about our special price on rugs.—Rose Furniture Co.

At a conference on agriculture at the London School of Economics, G. K. Chesterton gave an address on "The Fallacy of Mass Production". Still, England has no cause to regret having produced Mr. Chesterton.—Punch.

Frequent Bilious Attacks

"I suffered with severe bilious attacks which came on me two or three times every month," says Mr. Ollie Miller, of Murray, Ky.

"I would become dizzy. My head would ache terribly, feeling as if it would almost burst. It felt exactly like a tight band was being drawn closer and closer around my temples."

"My stomach would be so upset I could not retain any kind of nourishment for hours. I would have to quit work and go to bed."

"My color was awful. I was yellow and my skin was drawn and dry. I did not have any energy—no ambition to work. I was just about half sick most of the time because of these spells."

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PROBATE COURT NEWS

R. W. Modglin is appointed administrator of estate of Musette Howell with bond at \$3000.

Annual settlement by E. T. Catron in estate of Milton Sloas shows balance of \$906.66.

Annual settlement by Anton LeGrand for Cyril Essner shows balance of \$649.54 for Clara Essner shows balance of \$649.54; for Clara Essner \$719.55; for Joseph Essner, \$710.97.

H. F. Emerson, guardian H. F. Emerson et al, shows balance of \$451.28 in annual settlement.

Final settlement by Z. A. Heisserer in Vincent Heisserer estate shows distribution of 17.03 per cent to fifth class claimants as follows: Sister Olivia \$1390.10, Mrs. Crescent Miller \$590.07, Coena Dohogne \$567.46, Vincent Mier \$110.88, Theon Mier \$104.19, Olivia Fairvalley \$56.60.

Final settlement by Florence James in John James estate and she is discharged.

Semi-annual settlement by Effie Reeves in Fred Burns estate shows balance of \$558.75.

Final settlement in estate of Levi Prouty by Mrs. M. E. Prouty is continued.

Geo. J. Arnold, administrator J. F. Beggs estate, makes report of sale of personal property.

C. C. Rose, administrator Harry Cole estate, is authorized to sell store conducted prior to his death, to F. B. Whitaker of Memphis, Tenn., for \$12,000.

Personal property of Joe Mackley is sold by R. H. Mackley, administrator.

Final settlement by R. H. Mackley, administrator Joe Mackley estate, shows balance of \$206.06 for distribution of Mrs. Annie Mason, J. F. Mackley, W. G. Mackley, R. H. Mackley, Charles Mackley and Marvin Strait—\$34.34 each.

N. F. Anderson, A. H. Anderson and C. M. Wylie, are authorized to sell stock in Nanson Commission Co. belonging to said estate.

Anna Catherine Hodgkiss is named administratrix of estate of Mary LeGrand with bond at \$5000, signed by herself, Tom Hodgkiss and Geo. J. Arnold. Appraisers appointed are Ed Tirmenstein, Gene Bertrand and G. J. Arnold.

Leonard Kelley is appointed guardian of W. T. Kelly, minor, with bond at \$100 signed by himself, David McElroy and J. E. Hamby.

G. J. Slickman is appointed guardian of Mae Hunt, minor, with bond at \$150, signed by himself and Z. A. Heisserer.

L. C. Leslie, guardian Leda Mae Daugherty, secures appropriation of \$20 for her use.

Birdie B. Fox is named guardian of John Fox, with bond at \$100.

John Fox is adjudged to be insane and incapable of managing his affairs.—Benton Democrat.

RED CROSS MEET NEXT MON.

The meeting of the local Chapter of the American Red Cross is to be held next Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, instead of yesterday as was previously announced. All members are urged to be present at this meeting. Officers will be elected and a movement will be started to obtain a permanent case worker for this district. It is imperative that as many be present as is possible as the co-operation of every member is needed.

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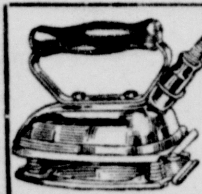
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Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo H. Mason of Poplar Bluff spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. David Lumsden and family.

F. L. Duck of Sallio, Tenn., will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Essary for two or three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Matthews visited in Memphis, Tenn., Monday.

Ed Fuchs is in Cape Girardeau, where he is attending the Robinson Lumber Company meeting which is being held there today (Tuesday), Wednesday and Thursday he will attend the Southeast Missouri Lumbermen's Meeting there.

C. D. Matthews was in St. Louis, Monday.

The death toll in the California dam break of last week has been set at 449. The State's inquiry into the cause of the break began Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Nall left Sunday for a few days visit in St. Louis with relatives.

Mrs. R. D. Steinbeck of Bertrand underwent a minor operation at the Emergency Hospital last week and is improving rapidly.

George Myers, who sustained a crushed arm March 10 in an auto smash and has been at the Emergency Hospital since that time, returned to his home, Monday.

The Co-Workers of the Methodist Church will meet with Mrs. Annie Winchester Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Margaret Walton visited with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Walton of Charleston, Sunday.

Charles Schubert who was operated on at the Emergency Hospital recently, is improving.

Judge Sam Pike of Conran was a Sikeston visitor Saturday in the interest of the final right-of-way near Portageville for Highway 61.

Mr. Pike has been a consistent and influential worker for this road.

Harrison Clay and family have moved to Portageville. Mr. Clay was formerly connected with the Kroger Company here.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Wood have as their guests this week, Mr. Wood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Wood of Memphis. They were accompanied here by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walton, who returned to Memphis, Sunday. Mrs. Walton is a sister of John F. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Daymon of Blytheville, Ark., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Talley, Sunday.

Eastern Star will meet at 7 o'clock Thursday evening so that the business may be attended to in plenty of time for the members who may wish to attend the play at the High School auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anderson visited in Commerce Sunday. Their son, Bobby, who has been visiting in Commerce, returned home with them.

Mrs. Ralph Anderson is giving a private recital at her home on Tuesday afternoon at 4:15. The following pupils will take part: Martha Jane Marshall, Melba Hudson, Jennette Baker, Helen Baker, Lynnette Stallcup, Henrietta Moore, Virginia Baker, Wootson Inez Hollingsworth, Josephine Hudson, Ann Beck, Virginia Hudson, Marie Marshall, Marshall Sutton and Herman Sutton.

Mrs. C. L. Blanton, Miss Catherine Smith and C. L. Blanton, Jr., drove to St. Louis Friday to meet the former's daughter, Mrs. Wm. E. Payne and two children, who will visit in Sikeston for a while.

Mrs. M. M. Beck, the talented wife of M. M. Beck, had one of her very excellent poems "My Cellar Shelf", accepted by the Curtis Publishing Co. and it will be published in one of the coming numbers of the Country Gentleman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brenton and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Beck were visitors to Cape Girardeau, Thursday.

Mrs. C. E. Felker and Mrs. Wallace Applegate were visitors to Cape Girardeau, Thursday.

The Friday Bridge Club will meet with Mrs. Moore Greer at her home on North Kingshighway.

The Auxiliary will meet Wednesday evening with Mrs. Harry Blanton, March 21 at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Sanders and children of Poplar Bluff were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Proffer, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Powell and Mrs. Leonard McMullin left for Columbia, where Mrs. McMullin will visit her sister, Mrs. Mabel Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Powell will visit in Kansas City for a day or two then they expect to go to Canon, where Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Powell, Sr., have been for the past year and who will return to Sikeston with them. They expect to arrive home about Thursday.

Leland Lingle, former coach of Sikeston High School teams, is visiting in Sikeston.

Miss Doris Gilbert, who spent a few days in Sikeston with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gilbert, returned to Memphis, Tenn., Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. Hinchey shopped in Cairo, Saturday.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MATTHEWS

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Whitener were in Wilson, Ark., over the week-end visiting his brother, V. C. Whitener. Mrs. Whitener is staying for a few days.

J. V. Baker and wife of New Madrid spent Sunday visiting her mother, Mrs. A. Brown.

Miss Mary Frances Harrison, who is attending school at Cape Girardeau, spent the week-end with home-folks.

Miss Frances Rauch of Crystal City, Charles Rauch of St. Louis and Mrs. C. S. Hale were here visiting F. B. Rauch and family over the week-end.

E. P. Keisler, Insurance Inspector for the Fire Insurance Company, was here transacting business this week.

Miss Allene Miller of Cape Girardeau and Miss Helen Murray, both teachers in the grades, are back in school this week after an absence on account of illness.

A. F. Stanley and wife of Risco were here visiting friends Sunday, on their way home from Morley, where they visited her sister, Mrs. Pete Taylor.

Ashley Craig, who was called to St. Louis on account of the illness of his brother, returned Saturday.

The St. Patrick tea which was held at the home of Mrs. Addis Martin Saturday afternoon was well attended and a delightful luncheon was served.

Allen Mocabee and family and Ed Mocabee and family started for Oregon Saturday, where they have work in a mill there. They are driving by way of Texas to California and then to Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson Reynolds and Mrs. J. G. Mocabee and son visited Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Rogers and family at Caruthersville over the week-end.

O. M. Headlee has been elected treasurer of the school board to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of E. L. Griffin.

Mrs. J. M. Brown lost her house by fire Sunday morning about 11 o'clock. A back room which was used in caught fire and was all aflame before discovery. Only by heroic work were neighboring houses saved.

The house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Dillon caught fire Saturday. The fire was isolated to one room by beaver board and extinguished after considerable damage.

BULLDOG CAPTAINS NAMED

Leonard (Guts) Watson was named captain of next year's boys' basketball squad and Nell Littleton was named to lead the girls at the basketball dinner given in honor of the two squads at the High School Building last week. The dinner was given the boys and girls by the members of the Sikeston High School faculty. Speeches were made by members of faculty, Supt. Roy V. Ellise, the retiring captains and the new captains.

Our Emergency Hospital continues to be popular. What it needs most is more room.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson and Miss Nellie Goodman spent Saturday in Cape Girardeau.

Miss Martha Causey spent the week-end with her parents in Essex.

Mrs. Harley Mathis and Miss Mabel Mathis visited in Cape Girardeau, Saturday.

Miss Hyacinth Sheppard spent Sunday in New Madrid, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lilbourn Stepp.

Miss Ila Cook of Chaffee was the week-end guest of Miss Evelyn Sutton.

Quite a few members of the Baptist church went to Farnfeld Sunday afternoon to attend a young peoples meeting.

Miss Annie Bagley spent Sunday with relatives in Morley.

D. B. Kevil was a business visitor in St. Louis the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Mary Hester is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Moore Greer will entertain Friday Bridge Club at her home on North Kingshighway.

Fred Helton of Cape Girardeau spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. David Lumsden.

LIVE STOCK MEN HAVE SUCCESSFUL MEETING

The all-day meeting of the Sikeston Livestock Association held at the Russell Brothers Building Saturday was successful both from a point of attendance and interest shown. Nearly 200 men attended the meetings during the day.

The \$5 prize for the best judge of cattle was awarded to Lester King of Matthews who made a perfect score. W. C. Boardman of Sikeston and Charles Spaulding of Perkins tied for second and were each awarded the full prize of \$2.50. The cattle used were furnished by Arnold Roth and W. F. Woods.

Officers elected for the coming year are: J. W. Baker, Jr., President; W. H. Tanner, Vice-President; W. H. Sikes, Secretary and Treasurer and Fred Paul, W. F. Woods, Glenn Matthews and Marion McFarland as directors.

John Reiss was elected manager again and those desiring to ship livestock through the association should apply to him.

H. M. Garlock, of the Missouri College of Agriculture, gave an interesting and instructive lecture on hog raising which drew much favorable comment from the local raisers.

H. C. Hensley, also of the Missouri College discussed the agricultural outlook for the coming years and F. O. Johnson of the National Stock Yards also spoke.

The meeting was in charge of A. J. Renner, County Extension Agent, who with the members present wish to thank Russell Brothers for the use of their building and for the meal which was served them free Saturday noon.

H. A. WALTON ANNOUNCES FOR POLICE JUDGE OFFICE

H. A. Walton has announced his candidacy for police judge. He has lived in Scott County for twenty-seven years and at about twelve years ago ran second in a seven-man race for County Assessor. He was elected Assessor of Mississippi County in 1892 and served one term there. He is now serving the unexpired office of the late Dick Burks as Justice of the Peace, having been appointed to that office in June by the County Court.

Mrs. Walton died in 1926 and since that time Mr. Walton has lived with Herbert Walton, his oldest son. He has five children. In announcing for office Mr. Walton states that he is unable to do manual labor, having retired from active farming in 1925, and asks the people to support him on the grounds that he will serve them to the best of his ability.

CAN YOU HELP?

Dear Mr. Editor:

The City Election political pot is boiling fast and furious, and there are several questions which I would like to ask and several situations which I would like for you to clear up for me.

For instance, who is this dark horse about whom everyone is talking, who is to run against Mayor Ed Fuchs? I have had several to tell me that he is a strong man, especially with the women voters and is likely to swing the election.

The collector's race promises to be interesting now with a third party in the field. Will Cousin Ed's relatives all vote for him or is that just his nick name? And do you suppose that Shep will chew the Cobb?

The Police Judge race should be pretty hot, too, with a new candidate. I have had several tell me that both the other candidates are now staying up at nights to get the votes. Why don't some plug ugly step in there. It isn't the best policy to have a good looking police judge on the bench because hte femal speeders might get off without a fine.

The Sunday moving picture show race—pardon, I mean the Councilmen's race should furnish the real interest, though. There are four men going out of office. I think they are Councilmen Wilson, Boardman, Bruce and Denman. Three of these men voted against letting hte people of Sikeston say whether or not they wanted Sunday moving picture shows, you will remember. That looks like a chance for those who want the voters to decide the issue rather than the councilmen, to get the men they want.

If you can't answer this print it and maybe some of your readers can.

A CITIZEN.

SPRINGFIELD BANK CLOSED

The First National Bank of Springfield closed its doors early Saturday after a small run by depositors late Friday. The president of the bank stated that the depositors would be paid in full, and that the bank would be permanently closed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carter of Dexter were in Sikeston, Sunday.

PROGRAM AT S. H. S. THURSDAY

"Our Aunt From California" will be presented by members of the Freshman Class of the Sikeston High School Thursday night at the gym, under the direction of Mrs. Josephine Vieth. Miss Frances P. Birch is directing the Sophomore play which is called "Not Quite Such a Goose" and is reported to be very cleverly done. The Glee Club under the direction of M. L. Granneman will give a concert the same night.

The people of Sikeston are urged to attend the exhibit of the Home Economics Department at the Sikeston High School which opened Monday afternoon at the High School Building and will continue today (Tuesday) and Wednesday. The girls of the department and their teacher, Miss Isabelle Hess, have done some good work and the exhibit is one to be proud of.



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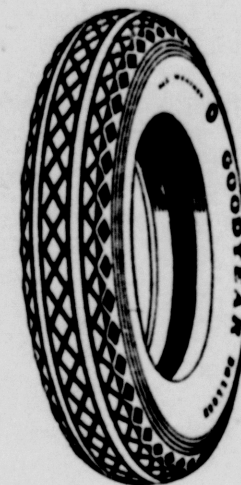
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CHAPTER IV.

Detective Anderson Takes Charge.

"What's that?"
"Somebody smashed a window pane!"
"And threw in a stone!"
"Wait a minute, I'll—" The doctor, all alert at once, darted up into the

alcove and jerked at the terrace door. "It's bolted at the top, too," called Miss Cornelia. He nodded, without wasting words on a reply, unbolted the door and dashed out into the darkness of the terrace. Miss Cornelia saw him run past the French windows and disappear into blackness. Meanwhile Dale, her listlessness vanished before the shock of the strange occurrence, had gone to the broken window and picked up the stone. It was wrapped in paper—there seemed to be writing on the paper. She closed the terrace door and brought the stone to her aunt.

Miss Cornelia unwrapped the paper and smoothed out the sheet.

Two lines of coarse, round handwriting sprawled across it:

"Take warning! Leave this house at once! It is threatened with disaster which will involve you if you remain!"

There was no signature.

"Who do you think wrote it?" said Dale, breathlessly.

Miss Cornelia straightened up like a ramrod—indomitable.

"A fool—that's who! If anything was calculated to make me stay here

forever, this sort of thing would do it!"

She twitched the sheet of paper angrily.

"But something may happen, darling!"

"I hope so! That's the reason I—" She stopped. The doorbell was ringing again—thrilling, insistent. Her niece started at the sound.

"Oh, don't let anybody in," she besought Miss Cornelia, as Billy came in from the hall with his usual air of walking on velvet.

"Key, front door please—bell ring," he explained tersely, taking the key from the table.

Miss Cornelia issued instructions.

"See that the chain is on the door, Billy. Don't open it all the way. And get the visitor's name before you let him in."

She lowered her voice.

"If he says he is Mr. Anderson, let him in and take him to the library." Billy nodded and disappeared. Dale turned to her aunt, the color out of her cheeks.

"Anderson? Who is Mr.?"

Miss Cornelia did not answer. She thought for a moment. Then she put her hand on Dale's shoulder in a gesture of protective affection.

"The man in the library is a detective from police headquarters," she said.

She had expected Dale to show surprise—excitement—but the white mask of horror which the girl turned toward her appalled her.

"Not—the police!" breathed Dale in tones of utter consternation. Miss Cornelia could not understand why the news had stirred her niece so deeply. But there was no time to puzzle it out—she heard crunching steps on the terrace—the doctor was returning.

"Shh!" she whispered. "It isn't necessary to tell the doctor. I think he's a sort of perambulating bedside gossip—and once it's known the police are here we'll never catch the criminals!"

When the doctor entered from the terrace, brushing drops of rain from his no longer immaculate evening clothes, Dale was back on her favorite settee and Miss Cornelia was poring over the mysterious missive that had been wrapped about the stone.

"He got away in the shrubbery," said the doctor, disgustedly, taking out a handkerchief to flick the spots of mud from his shoes.

Miss Cornelia gave him the letter of warning. "Read this," she said.

The doctor adjusted a pair of pince-nez—read the two crude sentences over—once—twice. Then he looked shrewdly at Miss Cornelia.

"Were the others like this?" he queried.

She nodded. "Practically."

He hesitated for a moment like a man with an unpleasant social duty to face.

"Miss Van Gorder, may I speak frankly?"

"Generally speaking, I detest frankness," said the lady, grimly. "But—go on!"

The doctor tapped the letter. His face was wholly serious.

"I think you ought to leave this house," he said bluntly.

"Because of that letter? Humph!" His very seriousness, perversely enough, made her suddenly wish to treat the whole matter as lightly as possible.

"There is some devilry afoot," he persisted. "You are not safe here, Miss Van Gorder."

But if he was persistent in his attitude, so was she in hers.

"I've been safe in all kinds of houses for sixty-odd years," she said lightly. "It's time I had a bit of a change. Besides," she gestured towards her defenses, "this house is as nearly impregnable as I can make it. The window locks are sound enough—the doors are locked and the keys are there," she pointed to the keys lying on the table. "As for the terrace door you just used," she went on, "I had Billy put an extra bolt on it today. By the way, did you bolt that door again?" She moved toward the alcove.

"Yes, I did," said the doctor, quickly, still seeming unconvinced of the wisdom of her attitude.

"Miss Van Gorder, I confess—I'm very anxious for you," he continued. "This letter is ominous. Why not accept my hospitality in the village tonight? It's a little house but I'll make you comfortable. Or," he threw out his hands in the gesture of one who reasons with a willful child, "if you won't come to me—let me stay here!"

Miss Cornelia hesitated for an instant. The proposition seemed low

level enough—more than that—sensible—safe. And yet, some indefinable feeling—hardly strong enough to be called a premonition—kept her from accepting it.

"Thank you, no, doctor," she said briskly, before she had time to change her mind. "I'm not easily frightened. And tomorrow I intend to equip this entire house with burglar alarms on doors and windows!" she went on defiantly. The incident, as far as she was concerned, was closed. She moved on into the alcove. The doctor stared after her, shaking his head.

She tried the terrace door. "There—I knew it!" she said triumphantly. "Doctor—you didn't fasten that bolt!"

The doctor seemed a little taken aback. "Oh—I'm sorry," he said.

"You only pushed it part of the way," she explained. She completed the task and stepped back into the living room. The only thing that wor-

keep this young lady up too late—she looks tired." She flashed a look at Dale who stood staring out at the night, then sailed out of the room, still smiling, and closed the door behind her.

The doctor seemed a little nettled by her abrupt departure.

"It may be mind," he said, turning back toward Dale, "but forgive me if I say I think it seems more like fool-hardy stubbornness!"

Dale turned away from the window. "Then you think there is really danger?"

The doctor eyes were grave.

"Well—those letters—" he dropped the letter on the table. "They mean something. Here you are—isolated—the village two miles away—and enough shrubbery around the place to hide a dozen assassins!"

If his manner had been in the slightest degree melodramatic, Dale would have found the ominous sentences more easy to discount. But this calm, intent statement of fact was a chill touch at her heart. And yet—

"But what enemies can Aunt Cornelia have?" she asked helplessly.

"Any man will tell you what I do," said the doctor, with increasing seriousness. He took a cigarette from his case and tapped it on the case to emphasize his words. "This is no place for two women, practically alone."

Dale moved away from him restlessly, to warm her hands at the fire. The doctor gave a quick glance around the room. Then, unseen by her, he stepped noiselessly over to the table, took the matchbox there off its holder and slipped it into his pocket.

It seemed a curiously useless and meaningless gesture, but his next words evinced that the action had been deliberate.

"I don't seem to be able to find any matches," he said, with assumed carelessness, fiddling with the matchbox holder.

Dale turned away from the fire. "Oh aren't there any? I'll get you some," she said with automatic politeness, and departed to search for them.

The doctor watched her go—saw the door close behind her. Instantly his face set into tense and wary lines. He glanced about—then ran lightly up into the alcove and noiselessly unfasted the bolt on the terrace door which he had pretended to fasten after his search of the shrubbery. When Dale returned with the matches, he was back where he had been

when she had left him, glancing at a magazine on the table.

He lit his cigarette and drew in the fragrant smoke with apparent gusto. But a moment later he had crushed out the glowing end in an ash-receiver.

"By the way, has Miss Van Gorder a revolver?" he queried casually, glancing at his wrist watch.

"Yes—she fired it off this afternoon to see if it would work," Dale smiled at the memory.

The doctor, too, seemed amused. "If she tries to shoot anything—for goodness sake stand behind her!" he advised. He glanced at the wrist watch again. "Well—I must be going."

"If anything happens," said Dale, slowly, "I shall telephone you at once." Her words seemed to disturb the doctor slightly—but only for a second. He grew even more urbane.

"I'll be home shortly after midnight," he said. "I'm stopping at the Johnsons' on my way—one of their children is ill—or supposed to be." He took a step toward the door, then he turned toward Dale again.

"Take a parting word of advice," he said. "The thing to do with a midnight prowler is—let him alone. Lock your bedroom doors and don't let anything bring you out till morning."

"Thank you," said Dale, seriously. "Good night, Doctor—Billy will let you out—he has the key."

"By Jove!" laughed the doctor, "you are careful, aren't you! The place is like a fortress! Well—good night, Miss Dale."

"Good night." The door closed behind him—Dale was left alone. Suddenly her composure left her, the fixed smile died. She stood gazing ahead at nothing, her face a mask of terror and apprehension. But when Billy returned with the front-door key she was as impassive as he was.

"Has the new gardener come yet?" "He here," said Billy stolidly. "Name Brook."

She was entirely herself once more when Billy, departing, held the door open wide—to admit Miss Cornelia Van Gorder and a tall-strong-featured man, quietly dressed, with reticent, piercing eyes—the detective!

"Dale, dear," said Miss Cornelia, with triumph in her voice. "This is Mr. Anderson."

The newcomer bowed, glancing at her casually and then looking away. Miss Cornelia, however, was obviously in fine feather and relishing to the utmost the presence of a real detective in the house.

"This is the room I spoke of," she said briskly. "All the disturbances have taken place around that terrace door."

The detective took three swift steps into the alcove, glanced about it searchingly. He indicated the stairs. "That is not the main staircase?"

"No—the main staircase is out there," Miss Cornelia waved her hand in the direction of the hall.

The detective came out of the alcove and paused by the French windows.

"Hello—what's this?" he said sharply, his eye lighting on the broken glass below the shattered French win-

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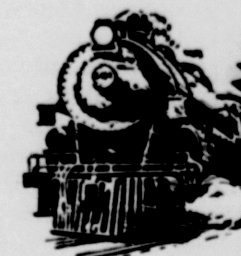
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dow. He picked up a piece of the glass and examined it.

Dale cleared her throat. "It was broken from the outside a few minutes ago," she said.

"The outside?" Instantly the detective had pulled aside a blind and was staring out into the darkness.

"Yes. And then that letter was thrown in." She pointed to the threatening missive on the center-table.

Anderson picked it up, glanced through it, laid it down. All his movements were quick and sure—each executed with the minimum expense of effort.

"H'm," he said, in a calm voice, that held a glint of humor. "Curious, the anonymous letter complex! Apparently some one considers you an undesirable tenant!"

Miss Cornelia took up the tale.

"There are some things I haven't told you yet," she said. "This house belonged to the late Courtleigh Fleming." He glanced at her sharply.

"The Union bank?"

"Yes. I rented it for the summer and moved in last Monday. We have not had a really quiet night since I came. The very first night I saw a man with an electric flashlight making his way through that shrubbery!"

"You poor dear!" from Dale, sympathetically. "And you were here alone!"

"Well, I had Lizzie. And" said Miss Cornelia with enormous importance, opening the drawer of the center table, "I had my revolver. I know so little about these things Mr. Anderson, that if I didn't hit a burglar, I knew I'd hit somebody or something!"

He gazed with innocent awe directly down the muzzle of her beloved weapon, then waved it with an airy gesture beneath the detective's nose.

Anderson gave an involuntary start—then his eyes lit up with grim mirth.

"Would you mind putting that away?" he said suavely. "I like to get in the papers as much as anybody, but I don't want to have them say—oult flowers."

Miss Cornelia gave him a glare of offended pride, but he endured it with such quiet equanimity that she merely replaced the revolver in the drawer with a hurt expression and waited for him to open the next topic of conversation.

He finished his preliminary survey of the room and returned to her.

"Now, you say you don't think anybody has got upstairs yet?" he queried.

Miss Cornelia regarded the alcove stairs.

"I think not. I'm a very light sleeper—especially since the papers have been so full of the exploits of this criminal they call the Bat. He's in them again tonight."

The detective smiled faintly.

"Yes—he's contrived to surround himself with such an air of mystery that it verges on the supernatural—or seems that way to newspaper men."

"I confess," admitted Miss Cornelia, "I've thought of him in this connection." She looked at Anderson to see how he would take the suggestion, but the latter merely smiled again, this time more broadly.

"That's going rather a long way for a theory," he said. "And the Bat is not in the habit of giving warnings. You can always tell when the Bat has had anything to do with a crime. When he's through, he signs his name to it."

Miss Cornelia sat bolt upright. "His name? I thought nobody knew his name?"

The detective made a little gesture of apology. "That was a figure of

speech. The newspapers named him the Bat—because he moved with incredible rapidity—always at night—and by signing his name I mean he leaves the symbol of his identity. The bat, which can see in the dark."

"I wish I could," said Miss Cornelia, striving to seem unimpressed. "These country lights are always going out."

Anderson's face grew stern. "Sometimes he draws the outline of a bat at the scene of the crime. Once, in some way, he got hold of a real bat, and nailed it to the wall."

Dale, listening, could not repress a shudder at the gruesome picture—and Miss Cornelia's hands gave an involuntary twitch as her knitting needles clicked together. Anderson seemed by no means unconscious of the effect he had created.

"He seems to have imagination," he admitted. "Well," his voice grew determined. "I have some imagination, myself. How many people in this house, Miss Van Gorder?"

"My niece and myself," Miss Cornelia indicated Dale, who had picked up her wrap and was starting to leave the room. "Lizzie Allen—who has been my personal maid ever since I was a child—the Japanese butler and the gardener. The cook and the housemaid left this morning—frightened away."

She smiled as she finished her description. Dale reached the door and passed slowly out into the hall. The detective gave her a single, sharp glance as she made her exit. He seemed to think over the factors Miss Cornelia had mentioned.

"Well," he said, after a slight pause, "you can have a good night's sleep tonight. I'll stay awake here in the dark and watch."

"Would you like some coffee to keep you awake?"

Anderson nodded. "Thank you." His voice sank lower. "Do the servants know who I am?"

"Only Lizzie—my maid."

His eyes fixed hers. "I wouldn't tell anyone I'm remaining up all night," he said.

A formless fear rose in Miss Cornelia's mind. "You don't suspect my household?" she said in a low voice.

He spoke with emphasis—all the more pronounced because of the quietude of his tone.

"I'm not taking any chances," he said determinedly.

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NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

The home gardeners of New Madrid County as well as those of four other Southeast Missouri Counties are meeting this month in a series of conferences to discuss the kind and amount of garden crops to plant and how to grow them in order to provide fresh vegetables for the table and for canning. Their purpose is to cut down the annual food bill, and at the same time provide health insurance in the form of these valuable home-grown foods. One of the questions to be discussed at the meeting in this county, March 26 to 28 is that of the fertilizers to use on the home garden.

According to Scott M. Julian, County Extension Agent, barnyard manure is the best general garden and truck fertilizer. It furnishes the essential plant foods and tends to make the soil more friable, porous and easily worked. It acts like a sponge in holding water in the soil when the plant roots are feeding, thus rendering the land more drought resistant. Commercial fertilizers, however, are often needed and when properly used with or without manure are very valuable in securing profitable yields and high quality.



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Three hundred pounds of acid phosphate used with ten tons of barnyard manure per acre should give very good results on all root crops, or a complete fertilizer such as a 3-12-4 applied at the rate of 400 to 600 pounds per acre may be used. The commercial fertilizer may be applied broadcast, but in general better results will be had from sowing the fertilizer in the row, mixing it well with the soil either before plants or seed are planted. This is necessary because seeds, roots or tops of plants may be injured by coming in direct contact with the concentrated fertilizer. Four pounds per square rod broadcast before plantings, or three pounds per hundred feet of row applied in the drill, are recommended applications for small areas. It is often advisable to use some nitrogenous fertilizer such as ammonium sulphate or sodium nitrate alone. These fertilizers will be found useful in forcing a quick growth of such leafy crops as cabbage, lettuce, spinach and chard. They may be applied as top dressings around the plants or in a solution using one pound of either ammonium sulphate or sodium nitrate to 25 gallons of water. Care should be taken to see that only light applications of these nitrogenous fertilizers are made and that they do not come in contact with the tender leaves or stems of the plant. From 100 to 150 pounds per acre is sufficient when used in the dry form. Ammonium sulphate or sodium nitrate should not be used in such crops as potatoes, carrots and beets unless combined with phosphorus and potash as in the case of the recommended 3-12-4 complete commercial fertilizer.

A series of meetings to be held in New Madrid County during the week of March 26 to 29 will offer timely suggestions to the spring gardener and to the housewife who looks to the garden for a very important part of her family's food supply. The meetings will be conducted by the County Extension Agent, assisted by Miss Marion K. White, Nutrition Extension Specialist from the Missouri College of Agriculture.

These meetings are but a part of a larger series, covering five Southeast Missouri Counties and continuing thru the entire month, the purpose of which are to assist the home gardeners and housewives.

At each of these meetings Miss White will prepare and explain certain dishes very valuable in the family's diet, which can be made from home products, such as dishes made of milk and potatoes and many similar combinations. Her demonstration will show the fundamentals of nutrition which at this time of year offer special guidance for the planning of the home garden.

The county extension agent will supplement Miss White's demonstration in each case by supplying the latest information on garden seeds and crops, their planting and early care.

MISSOURI GRAIN STOCKS

Jefferson City, March 16.—Missouri farmers have less grain on farms than for several years as only 60,423,000 bushels of the 1927 corn crop is in cribs against 73,925,000 bushels in 1927 and 71,438,000 bushels for 5-year average, according to E. A. Logan of the U. S. Bureau of Agriculture.

and Economics and Jewell Mayes of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture.

Owing to late maturity of corn, feeding of hogs began late, with an increased number of hogs being fed, consuming a larger amount of corn crop, farmers now having only 35 per cent of the 1927 crop, against 38 per cent as a ten year average.

More feeding was done during January and February than usual, and runs of hogs continue heavy. For this past season 16 per cent of the crop was moved off farms where produced, compared to 12 per cent for 10-year average. Eastern Missouri counties are buying corn while a few western counties are selling.

Missouri wheat stocks are also lower than late years, as farmers have 2,198,000 bushels against 2,577,000 in 1927 and 4,158,000 for 5-year average, having marketed now 66 per cent of the crop against 56 per cent last year, and 60 per cent for 10-year average. The amount on hands is 14 per cent of the crop.

Missouri farmers have 7,205,000 bushels of oats against 13,970,000 last year, and 11,827,000 for average. As oats were poor quality, a small quantity was shipped but only 26 per cent of last year's crop remains on farms—6 per cent shipped against 15 per cent for 10-year average. Most of the counties in eastern Missouri are shipping in seed oats. Oat seeding was begun, and is well along in southern counties, extending north of the river.

Winter wheat made very little growth during first part of March. South of a line drawn from the Mississippi River at Lincoln County, thru Callaway, Cooper, Benton and Cedar to Jasper County, including Phelps, wheat has apparently been quite seriously damaged by winter kill during December, January and February. Late sown wheat is in worse condition than early seedings in most counties. Wheat had little snow covering during winter. In the balance of the State north of this line, some fields are not so promising now as in the middle of February.

Fruit prospects are favorable, although some peaches have been hurt, but strawberries have not been damaged generally. Farm labor supply is more plentiful than for several years, and more men are inquiring for employment in counties near the larger cities. Early potatoes in Orick District indicate increase and Missouri commercial plantings should total 6200 acres or 20 per cent above the 4180 last year in Ray, Clay, Jackson, Lafayette, Saline, Carroll, Chariton, Buchanan and Pemiscot Counties.

The amount of corn on farms in the United States is 1,020,335,000 bushels against 1,134,370,000 for 1927 and 1,093,799,000 for 5-year average of 36.6 per cent of the 1927 crop against 40 per cent for 10-year average. 130,007,000 bushels of wheat is on farms against 130,230,000 bushels last year, and 5-year average of 127,254,000 bushels. Oats held on farms is 376,699,000 against 421,897,000 last year and 480,692,000 for 5-year average. Rye, 7,914,000 bushels and 5,903,000 in 1927 and 8,344,000 for 5-year average.

Land prices are held about the same as last year. Sales of farm lands are picking up. Lands (without or with poor improvements) sagged some during 1927. In Western Missouri more dwellings, poultry houses, farms and repairs are being made than for some time. Farm work has begun in Southern Missouri, and is extending rapidly northward to the north line.

STATE AUTO LICENSE OFFICE HERE BRINGS EXTRA MONEY

S. N. Shepherd, candidate for reelection to the office of City Collector, has been responsible for a good many outside dollars finding their way into Sikeston business houses. For the last three years Shepherd has been a deputy State license collector and two of those years he served without pay.

Persons have come from all parts of Southeast Missouri to the local license office to get their tags each year and in doing so have naturally left a few extra dollars here for things which they have bought.

Last year more than 5000 licenses were sold by Shepherd, this year the 3000 mark has been passed and among those 3000 buyers of tags there were persons from Cape Girardeau, Poplar Bluff and every other town and hamlet in this section.

Can't the Interborough Rapid Transit Company and its employees compromise on a sort of companionate union?—Brooklyn Eagle.

A Pennsylvania man has invented a motor that dispenses with gas. Now let him develop a legislature that does the same.—Virginian-Pilot.

The French Senate has rejected a plan to conscript women in time of war. Anybody who has ever tried to conscript a woman will understand why.—San Diego Union.

5000 CANDIDATES FROM THIS CORPS AREA TO C. M. T. C.

Omaha, Neb.—Announcement of plans for the Citizens' Military Training Camps for 1928 just made by General H. A. Smith, Commanding the Seventh Corps Area, contemplated training 5000 candidates from the States of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas. Camps for thirty days from August 1 to August 30 will be established at Fort Snelling, Leavenworth, Kansas and from July 9 to August 7 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

All candidates are examined physically and those who meet the requirements will be sent to the training camps on the dates mentioned. Railroad fare to and from the camps will be refunded, and all necessary expenses will be paid by the Government. While at camp, food, uniforms, military and athletic equipment, and medical and laundry service will be furnished without expense to the candidate.

The object of the C. M. T. Camps, General Smith states, is to bring together young men of high type from all sections of the country, in the same uniform, on a common basis of quality, and under the most favorable conditions of outdoor life; to stimulate and promote citizenship, patriotism, and discipline and thru expert physical direction, athletic coaching and training to benefit the young men physically; also to lead them to a better realization of their obligations to their country.

THIS WEEK IN MO. HISTORY

On March 24, 1921, the State Department of Finance was created by legislative enactment. By the terms of the law, consolidation of the State Banking Department, the Bureau of Building and Loan Supervision, the 'Blue Sky' Department, and Soldiers' Settlement Board, was effected. The powers and duties formerly vested in these several departments were transferred to the Department of Finance, and the office of Finance Commissioner was created.

Subsequently, however, the administration of the 'Blue Sky' Department and of the Building and Loan Bureau was removed from the Department of Finance by the 53rd and 54th General Assemblies, respectively. The administration of the 'Blue Sky' law was turned over to the office of the secretary of state; and the former Bureau of Building and Loan Supervision was re-created by the act of April 4, 1927. The present Department of Finance therefore has as its function the supervision of all State banks and trust companies operating in the State, of all closed banks and trust companies in liquidation, and since July 3, 1927, has had the licensing, and supervising of small loan companies.

In the first three decades of its statehood Missouri had sponsored two important ventures in the field of credit and banking—the loan office experiment and the Bank of the State of Missouri. The loan office system, inaugurated in 1821, provided for the establishment of loan offices and the issue of certificates ranging in value from 50 cents to ten dollars. For a few months the scheme worked well apparently, but losses accumulated and finally borrowers refused to make repayments. Eventually, the U. S. Supreme Court declared the certificates both unconstitutional and uncollectible. The loan office experiment therefore resulted in loss to the State, as it ultimately redeemed in full all unpaid certificates.

Demands for credit and banking facilities continued to be pressing, however, and finally resulted in the chartering of the State Bank in 1837. This institution, "founded in the panic days of 1837 and surrounded by paper banks of the worst sort, continued for thirty years to preach the doctrine of honest money". It was always a spec-paying bank, never refusing in all its history to honor its own paper. The Bank's limited capital and conservative, non-speculative methods eventually proved inadequate in the rapidly expanding commercial life of the State. In 1857, a general banking law, rechartering the State Bank but also providing for additional banks and more adequate banking facilities, was passed. This law remains the basis of all subsequent banking legislation in Missouri. The office of bank commissioner was at this time first created.

Missouri has 1306 State banks and trust companies, the largest number of any State in the Union, with the sole exception of Illinois. The primary function of the State Department of Finance is the examination and supervision of these institutions, in order that the interests of their depositors may be protected. The banking laws of the State being well-drawn and based upon sound banking principles, it is to the interest of both the bank and the depositor that these laws be strictly enforced.

All active banking institutions in the State under the jurisdiction of

the department are examined annually. Statements of condition are required to be published by all banks and trust companies three times a year, and each institution must also furnish to the Department three confidential statements at intervals during the year. In addition, each institution must annually conduct an examination by a committee of not less than three of its stockholders, and the report of such committee is required to be filed with the Department. These statements and reports are checked by the Finance Commissioner and his assistants and all slack or dangerous practices at once regulated.

The Finance Department endeavors to promote constructive co-operation between the directors and officials of banking institutions and the Department. In all its efforts toward a closer inter-relation between the banks and the department it has stressed particularly the stabilizing influence of frequent inspection and regulation of the institutions under its supervisory control. By its insistence on conservative banking methods, and especially by urging more direct supervision by directors of their respective institutions, the Department has been instrumental in saving many institutions from liquidation.

Marines are needed in Nicaragua to insure a bloodless election. You see, nobody down there has enough money to buy an office in a fair and orderly way.—La Porte (Ind.) Argus.

A bird refuge is being proposed for the State of Kansas. This seems timely just before the coming Republican convention to harbor the lame ducks that may appear.

Most of the Presidential candidates have now clarified their attitude on the wet-dry issue by the bold, unequivocal and thunderous statement that it is the solemn duty of a President to uphold the Constitution.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Little more aviation and we'll have to start zoning the ozone.—Arkansas Gazette.

We have arrived at a happy solution of the subway problem. Let us keep the five-cent fare and have the Interborough Rapid Transit's annual deficit paid by that generous sugar papa, the Continental Trading Company.—The New Yorker.

Soviet Russia's disarmament gesture somehow carries the suggestion of a dove hatched in a buzzard's nest.—Weston (Ore.) Leader.

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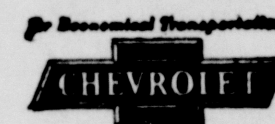
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